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£11,000 of Liberty gift vouchers to be won plus a holiday in Thailand - see page 16

The train now standing at platform 1 belongs to Japan



Britain, the nation that gave rail-ways to the world, is to sell a third of its locomotives and rolling stock to the Japanese and Americans. Nomura, Japan's biggest securities firm. s poised to buy one of British Rail's three rolling stock leasing companies, known as Roscos, in partnership with Babcock & Brown, a US fi-

It is believed the two have been successful in their joint bid for Angel Trains, one of three similar companies the government has put up for sale through Hambros, the merchant bank.

The three companies between them own British Rail's entire fleet of passenger trains and lease them to the train operating companies that run the services. The Roscos are responsible for part of the

The leasing companies will be the first big British Rail operation to be privatised, with the government hoping to raise as much as £1.7bn for the three companies, dwarfing the £100m proceeds so far from selling oth-

er much smaller parts of British

With City estimates of the value of the high profile pri-vatisation of Railtrack next spring plummeting to below £2bn, the Government has regarded the sale of the Roscos in proving that it can successfully sell the railways.

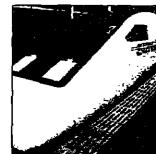
The other two Roscos, called Eversholt and Porterbrook, are expected to go to management buyouts. The Eversholt management has been backed by a British venture capital company, Candover, while Porterbrook's bid has been backed by Charterhouse, the merchant bank. The Government argues that the cheapest way to finance investment in new trains will be

injection of international capital which will also introduce new and cheaper financing

A large number of airlines already operate almost entirely through leasing rather than purchasing of aircraft, and the same theory is now being applied to the railways. - a far cry from the days of steam when locomotives were mostly built by the companies that owned

leases do not usually include maintenance responsibilities, but these will be the case with

the railways.
The Roscos have eight to ten year leasing contracts with the train operators that guarantee them income from the existing mainly old rolling stock that they will be taking over. But they will be free to charge more for leases on any new rolling stock they supply to the train



Futuristic: The super-fast Japanese 'Bullet' train

Victory for Mackay on violence Bill

'Moral majority outmanoeuvred'

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

Lord Mackay's controversial bill on domestic violence, dropped by the Government in its closing Commons stages last week, has been revived and is expected to be combined with the Divorce Law Reform Bill to be announced in next week's Queen's Speech.

In a victory for the Lord Chancelior, key Lords and Commons business managers agreed vesterday that the two measures should be combined in a single bill to be foreshadowed at the opening of the new session next Wednesday.

After a clear decision that the Divorce Bill, intended to end 'quickie" divorces based on fault, should go ahead, in spite of the opposition of moral majority MPs on the Tory backbenches, the Lord Chancellor has secured backing for an amended Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill to go ahead as well.

Lord Mackay was clearly disappointed last week when he was forced to abandon the Domestic Violence Bill, despite making concessions to backbenchers who claimed the measure undermined the institution of marriage by reinforcing protection for unmarried women against battering.

Under the new plan agreed in principle at a meeting yesterday between the Lord Chancellor, Lord Cranborne, Leader of the Lords, Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, and

Alastair Goodlad, Chief Whip, the two bills will now be combined and so probably both be subject to a free vote.

This strategy means also that whereas the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill was taken through the Lords and Commons in a fast-track process intended for uncontentious legislation, the measure now will be given time for debate and amendment in both Houses of Parliament.

Before he was forced to pull the Domestic Violence Bill from the current programme, Lord Mackay had discussed changes with backbenchers, including an amendment of a clause that gives unmarried people rights of occupation in homes owned by their partners for six months if they have been subject to violence or harassment.

One change that the Lord Chancellor is understood to have offered was to time-limit the occupation rights to one year, so that the occupation orders could not be repeatedly renewed. He is said by some previous backbench critics to have agreed to modify the definition of "harm" from which partners would be protected in the bill, so as not to embrace mental as well physical harass-ment. He is said also to have firmed up language in the bill designed to underline the distinction between married and unmarried couples and to produce clear guidelines on

how it should be interpreted by

Roger Gale, MP for Thanet North, said last night that although be could not vouch for his colleagues, he believed that "Lord Mackay had gone a very long way to meet the concerns we hade expressed." Mr Gale said he told the Lord Chancellor he was prepared to support the bill in the form that Lord

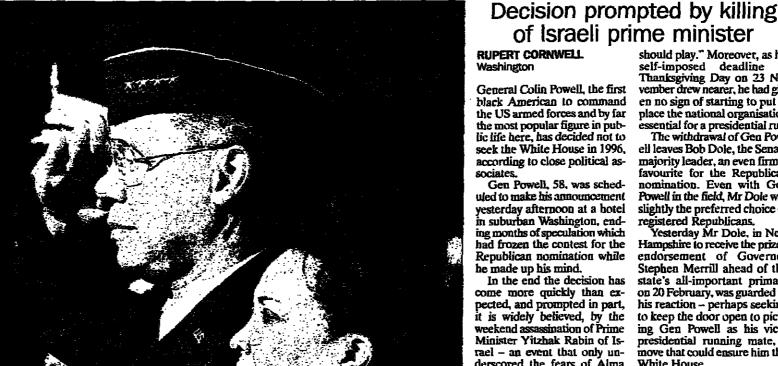
The Lord Chancellor regards the bill, the main components of which were recommended by the Law Commission, as an important consolidatory mea sure. Even in its amended form, the bill would still codify the rights of unmarried partners to seek recourse against domestic violence.

Mackay had outlined.

Final ratification will await John Major's return from the commonwealth Conference but the Prime Minister is understood to have indicated that he backed both Lord Mackay's desire to proceed with the divorce bill, and his declared intention of bringing back the Family homes and Domestic Vi-

olence Bill "as soon as possible." In a speech to family law solicitors on Tuesday, Lord Mackay made clear it would be possible to amend the Divorce Bill in its passage through Parliament, and said he was prepared to drop the requirement for anybody filing a divorce petition to attend an information meeting where experts could spell out alternatives. Instead he would be prepared to substitute a video that couples could watch at home, or telephone calls from experts.

Powell beats White House retreat



In the end the decision has come more quickly than expected, and prompted in part, it is widely believed, by the weekend assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel - an event that only underscored the fears of Alma Powell of an attempt on the life of her husband were he to try to become the first black president in US history.

Although the Powell camp had maintained a Sphinx-like silence on his intentions, signs mounted in the last few days that the fortnight-long retreat after the conclusion of his hugehy successful book tour would produce a decision not to enter

Addressing a business con-vention in Philadelphia on Tues-day, Gen Powell spoke only vaguely of his future, saying that "there is a role for each and every one of us to play and I am searching for the role I

of Israeli prime minister should play." Moreover, as his self-imposed deadline of Thanksgiving Day on 23 No-vember drew nearer, he had given no sign of starting to put in place the national organisation

essential for a presidential run. The withdrawal of Gen Powell leaves Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader, an even firmer favourite for the Republican nomination. Even with Gen Powell in the field, Mr Dole was slightly the preferred choice of

registered Republicans. Yesterday Mr Dole, in New Hampshire to receive the prized endorsement of Governor Stephen Merrill ahead of the state's all-important primary on 20 February, was guarded in his reaction - perhaps seeking to keep the door open to picking Gen Powell as his vicepresidential running mate, a move that could ensure him the White House.

Unusually silent too was the House Speaker, Newt Gingrich, who has refused to rule out a White House bid of his own next year, even though he admits it is unlikely. But despite polls showing he would be trounced by Mr Clinton, and would be unlikely to win the Republican nomination, many quarters of the party's influential ideological right wing are pressing Mr Gingrich to stand.

The non-candidacy of Gen Powell also gives new hope to several minor candidates. For all Mr Dole's lead, doubts persist about his age (he would be 73 on taking office).
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General salute: Colin Powell and his wife, Alma, who feared for his life if he ran for office

Assad: I can do business with Peres

MICHAEL SHERIDAN Damascus

President Hafez al-Assad of Syria said yesterday he is ready to move ahead quickly towards a peace settlement with Israel's acting Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, in the aftermath of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Mr Assad told the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, he believed the "technical ob-

stacles" to a deal were not in-surmountable. Mr Rifkind was the first foreign emissary to meet the Syrian leader since the murder of Mr Rabin by a Jewish extremist last Saturday.

He said it was Syria's desire to see a successful achievement of peace negotiations and he believed this could be achieved very quickly," Mr Rifkind told reporters.

The president's remarks

after the assassination of the Is-

raeli premier.

Mr Rifkind gave the Syrian leader a first-hand account of his talks with Israeli ministers at Mr Rabin's funeral in Jerusalem, Mr Assad apparently listened with close attention and repeated forcefully: "Yes, I am committed to peace."

This morning the Foreign Secretary will communicate his

were the first Syrian reaction impressions of the two-hour meeting with President Assad diretly to Mr Peres in Israel. It is understood that the Syrian president told his visitors that Syria knew Mr Peres well and believed him to be serious in his commitment to peace.

Mr Assad also made it clear that the killing of Mr Rabin had caused the Syrians to reconsider their misconception that Israeli leaders did not face violent

domestic opposition to a Syria is the key hardline Arab

state that has not yet made peace with Israel and a settlement would also include Lebanon.

But talks between senior Israeli and Syrian officers have stalled over the conditions and extent of an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Golan Yassar Arafat in Gaza today.

The Syrian Foreign Minister possible that Mr Rabin's assassination - which he has privately described as "tragic" - could contain a "silver lining" in the shape of an opportunity to

speed up negotiations.

Mr Rifkind flew to Tel Aviv from Damascus last night and will meet the Palestinian leader Syria's resolve, page 18

IN BRIEF Call to ban smacking | Fireworks over poliution

US and Russia in troops deal Russia and the United States resolved their diplomatic battle over who will command Russian troops in any Natoled peace force for Bosnia, Russia's Defence Minister, Pavel Grachev, said at least 1,000 Russian troops would take cluding a ban on smack-weekend. In Leeds on Saturday their orders from US army General George Joulwan through a Russian Nigeria ignores pleas Defying last-minute clemency pleas.

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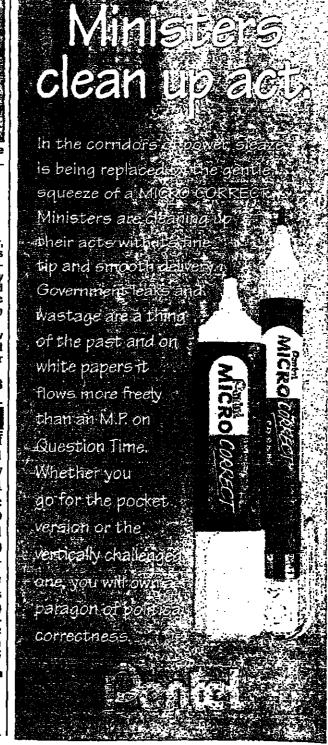
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'Human shields': British victims buoyed by £3m award in France

BA to pay damages to Gulf war passengers

CLARE GARNER

British Airways was yesterday ordered by a court in Paris to pay at least £3m in damages to French passengers it flew to Kuwait hours after the Iraq invasion in 1990. The French ruling has restored hope to 24 British passengers, also held as Saddam Hussein's "human shields", whose appeal cases are due to be heard in the House of Lords.

The Paris court ruled that British Airways had put passengers in undue danger by stopping in Kuwait and awarded 61 French nationals. who were among 367 passengers, between £50,000 and £80,000 each, depending on how long they were held.

Passengers on flight BA149 alleged that the landing, which was not listed on their tickets. was made to drop off about a dozen British SAS commandos, a claim British Airways denies.

Frank Lefevre, of Quantum Claims, in Aberdeen, who is representing British passengers, said: "After the cases went through their respective courts ordinary" and said it was conof appeal our only remedy was to appeal to the House of Lords. This will go ahead unless the French decision has the effect of making British Airways and their legal advisers think

Mr Lefevre believes the French precedent will provide persuasive authority" for the 11 English and 13 Scottish passengers' cases in the Lords.

One of his clients, John Chappell, 47, who was held hostage along with his wife and two children, said: "This is great news. I'm happy that at last one court in the world has seen it for what it is and that it looks as though the French are close details of the claims.

going to get some compensation for it, quite rightly so."

"I don't think a day goes by when we don't think of some aspect of it. My wife is currently off work for depression which is a direct result of the whole incident."

According to Frank Patterson, of Pannone and Partners, in Manchester, also representing claimants, the implications for the British passengers' cases depends on whether the French courts were applying the Warsaw Convention or general French law.

"It is argued that the Warsaw Convention does not afford compensation unless there is bodily injury which has taken place in actual flying or getting on or off the plane. In this case, passengers sustained psychological injury...

We need to know how they won the case. If they decided that bodily injury includes psychological injury, we are talking about the interpretation of an international convention."

British Airways described sidering an appeal. A spokeswoman said: "The judge-ment seems to be based on the proposition that the aircraft made an unscheduled stop in Kuwait for the purposes of landing military personnel there. This is untrue.

"It is preposterous to suggest that British Airways would deliberately endanger its passengers, employees and the aircraft itself in any way. In terms of compensation, many claims by passengers have already been settled in accordance with British Airways' humanitarian policy on an ex-gratia basis." The spokeswoman refused to dis-



Royal recognition for 'People of the Year'



Jim Ballard, husband of Alison Hargreaves

of the Year" during the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation's 36th annual

awards ceremony. She joined hundreds of diners at a gala lunch to recognise 13 men and women for their courage and achievement.

Among them was a posthumous award for Alison Hargreaves, the mountaineer who died during her solo assault on K2 this year without oxygen, and solo round-the-world yachtswoman Lisa Clayton.

After a silence to honour former winner, the late Gordon Wilson, whose daughter was killed by the IRA bomb at Enniskillen, and who himself died earlier this year, the Princess praised past winners.

The awards were chaired by BBC director-general John Birt. Citations were read by newsreader Trevor McDonald.

greaves, played down reports that they were to have divorced on her return from her illfated Himalayan expedition. Ms Hargreaves was killed in

an avalanche this summer after successfully scaling K2 - the world's second highest mountain - without oxygen. Her body remains on the mountain. Seventeen-year-old Kelly Turner, the teenage girl from

east London who reported her former boyfriend to the police for his part in a savage race attack on a Bengali student, was also a winner. She is currently working as a full-time volunteer for the Commission for Racial Equality and plans to become a police officer. Leading fashion designer

Betty Jackson was honoured for her achievements. Her clothes are sold worldwide and she was made an MBE in 1987.



Kelly Turner, who reported a race attacker

The Princess Royal paid tribute yesterday to Britain's "People Jim Ballard, the husband of tragic mountaineer Alison Har-



Jury clears vineyard owner who opened fire on burglars

A vineyard owner who opened fire on two intruders trying to his warehouse containing it is all over." steal wine from his bonded £12,000 worth of wine at his cleared by a jury.

Jon Pritchett, 60, a loss adjuster, was found not guilty at Maidstone Crown Court of wounding Steven Gilbert and Charles O'Hara with intent to Mary's Platt, near Borough Green, Kent, on December 1

Mr Pritchett - who had fired four shots from his 12-bore Gilbert and O'Hara - said af- result, I think one thing is plain.

The two men had broken into ter the case: "I feel great now

The judge, Mr Justice Newowner after the verdicts which came after four-and-a-half hours of deliberation: "For those of us who have heard the detail of this case and for those shotgun, two of which struck who might misunderstand the

"The events of this particular night caused you great trauma, such trauma that you for sometime. I think the general lesson that results in this case is the severe consequences of what you did and the couse-

quences on you." Mr Pritchett's solicitor, Ted Hubbard, said after the hearing:

been brought to court.

"Someone in authority in should have had a little more understanding of the problems of two criminals being involved and putting a decent well-behaved citizen under stress, particularly in the delay between the incident and Mr Pritchett a man who has had one unfor-

charges and the trial. But justice has been done."

grown-up married sons, has since stopped producing wine at his vineyard. Shortly before the shooting he had also lost his job through redundancy.

Mr Hubbard added: "This is them. I wanted them off my

"This case should not have being charged and between the tunate event after another." Mr Pritchett had denied that he intended to hit the two men on the night he opened fire. In a stammer which developed after the incident, he told the jury: "Standing there in the dark, I was a terrified man. I decided I was going to frighten

IN BRIEF

Seven in death crash case

Seven travel firm workers were yesterday sent for trial at Canterbury Crown Court after a coach crash in which nine American tourists and their

British driver died. In the crash on the M2 in Kent in November 1993, the 53seater coach collided with a van and rolled down ar embank-

ment. On board were 44 tourists on a trip to Camerbury.

The company involved used to be called Travellers Coach Company Ltd, but the allegations are in the new name of Brelaton Ltd. based at Houn-slow, Middlesex. The seven face charges of accused of conspiring to falsify drivers'

Blast charges

A man will appear in court in London today charged with conspiring to cause an explosion in France, Scotland Yard said. Rachid Ramda, 26, unemployed, of no fixed address, who was being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, was served with an extradition warrant yesterday.

Water aid

Up to six million gailons of water a day to be carried to drought-hit Yorkshire by lapker from Kielder reservoir. Northumberland, under deal signed between Yorkshire Wa-ter and Northumbria Water.

Tug protest

Five Greenpeace activists were fined after three of them hained themselves to a tug while two dived to tie chains to its propeller in a bid to prevent the dumping of the Brent Spar. The incident happened in Aberdeen harbour in June as the tug was preparing to tow the re-dundant Shell installation to its dump site in the North Atlantic All admitted causing a breach of the peace.

Gun facts

Shotgun certificates are held by 670,000 people, covering an estimated 1.3 million weapons, Home Office Minister of State David Maclean disclosed in a Commons written reply. He added there were 140,200 people with firearm certificates.

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DAVID LISTER Arts Correspondent

Sony Music has paid around £65m to the American superstar Michael Jackson for joint ownership of The Beatles songs catalogue, making it the third largest music publisher in the world. The record company is already

the licensing agent for Beatles merchandising a role it acquired a few months ago. And it now stands to make millions from renewed interest in The Beatles. With the Beatles Anthology

television series about to go out, and the release of a double CD imminent, the deal could not have come at a better time for Sony. One insider said last night: "If you can't have The Beatles, the next best things are the copyright to all their songs

and the merchandising." Money will now be paid to Sony every time a Beatles record is played, even though The Beatles' own record company is Sony's rival, EM1. Earlier this week, the sur-

viving Beatles attacked Jackson

for using their work in adverts.

George Harrison was quoted as

saving: "Unless we do some-



thing about it, every Beatles released.

Michael Jackson bought the

Britten and Gustav Holst.

song is going to end up advertising bras and pork pies." And Paul McCartney said that Jackson had "cheapened" the songs

rights to 250 Beatles' songs a decade ago for £30m, outhidding Paul McCartney.

Paul McCartney was last night the first rock star to be awarded Britain's top music honour, the Fellowship of the Royal College of Music, putting him in the same company as Vaughan Williams, Benjamin

Jackson and Sony Tories left in a spin as to share Beatles party press chief quits

Chief Political Correspondent

The Conservative Party's election campaign machine was thrown out of gear last night when the head of its press office resigned because he was disenchanted with acting as a spin doctor

Senior Conservative Party sources said a clash of personalities with Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, led Hugh Colver to resign from his post after only six months.

His departure surprised coleagues at Conservative headquarters, but the sources said it was known he did not see eye to eye with Dr Mawhinney, who has a reputation for being a tough boss.

Mr Colver, 50, delivered his resignation letter to a surprised security guard at lam yesterday at the Tory party's offices in Smith Square, near Westminster. However, he made it clear last night it was due to his own distaste for "spin doctoring".

"The job demands a political propagandist. I am not that. You have to go zapping the other

side, and I find that a bit dis- the 1992 general election. tasteful. You have to be a certain kind of animal, and I am not that type of animal," he said last night.

Mr Mawhinney said he re-

gretted Mr Colver's departure. On reflection, he clearly feels his talents, considerable though they are, are not best-suited for handling the run-up to the general election," he added. As a former Ministry of Defence chief press officer, with a

reputation for a safe pair of

hands, he was hired by Dr Mawhinney's predecessor, Jeremy Hardey, to end the series of gaffes which had dogged the party chairman. After Dr Mawhinney's arrival it became clear to the party high command that the mild-man-

nered Mr Colver, who moved from head of public relations at British Aerospace, was not the political street fighter they wanted to counter Labour's team of spin doctors led by Alastair Campbell. His position was thrown into

doubt by the temporary return of the Tories' spin doctor, Tim Collins, the former press secretary to the Prime Minister in

Dr Mawhinney appointed Mr Collins as his media consultant when Mr Collins was selected as the prospective parliamentary candidate for Westmoriand and Lousdale, forcing him to leave his civil service appointment as the deputy head of the Prime Minister's

Downing Street policy unit. Mr Collins was yesterday appointed as the acting director of communications, but with a seat to fight at the next election it leaves the Tories with the difficult task of finding a perma-nent person to fill the post.

In other moves to bolster the Tory election machine, Dr Mawhinney confirmed the appointment of Sheila Gunn, 47, a Times journalist, as a spin doctor at the Commons; Ceri Evans, 34, a BBC journalist, as chief broadcasting officer; and Paul Hooper, 42, a former Sun journalist, as press relations officer, and Vanessa Ford, 32, a former press officer at Centrai Office as his own chief of staff. John Gardiner, 38, private secretary to successive party director of public affairs at the

Cot-death campaign focuses on babies' position

Health Editor

A new cot death campaign aims to persuade parents to put with their feet at the foot of the cot to prevent them wriggling under the bedelothes and get-

ting too hot.
Joyce Epstein, secretary gen-

Study of Infant Deaths, said yes-terday that over-heating is a recognised factor in cot deaths, and a number of victims have been found with blankets or bedding over their heads, The "feet to foot" campaign

is being backed with posters and leaflets illustrating the correct position of the child in the cot. Ms Epstein said the cameral of the Foundation for the paign is part of the foundation's

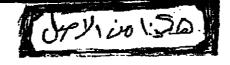
efforts to update parents and parents-to-be on recommendations for reducing cot deaths. However, yesterday's initia-

tive was linked to the launch of a "revolutionary" new cot mat-tress by a leading retailer. "This mattress has a uniform surface which will reassure parents that their babies can be placed at the foot of the cot," a press release

A spokeswoman for the foundation rejected criticism that the campaign had less to do with cot deaths than with promotion of the new mattress. "A lot of parents have contacted us because they are confused about the type of mattress to use." She said the "feet to foot" campaign was aimed at parents of babies of nought to six months and was necessary because research has

shown that between 18 and 22 per cent of cot death victims are found with beddothes over their

The number of cot deaths was reduced by half following the Government's "Back to Sleep" campaign launched by television personality, Anne Diamond in December 1991. However, 10 babies still die from cot deaths every week.



Moving stories

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Experts urge ban on smacking children

GLENDA COOPER

Leading childcare experts and lawyers have called for a national strategy to tackle violence by and against children. including a ban on smacking, the abolition of boxing and rig-

orous policies on bullving. Violent tendencies begin in childhood and are made worse by the "macho male attitudes" in society, said the Commission on Children and Violence. which was set up in the wake of the shocking murder of toddler

But for those who fear that children are becoming more aggressive, the Commission concludes that children are far more often the victims of violence than the perpetrators.

Babies under a year old are four times as likely as any other group to be murder victims. One in seven 11-year-olds reported being bullied at school "often" or "quite often". And one third of 12 to 15-year-olds reported assaults outside their

James Bulger by two 11-year-old boys in 1993. homes, by adults or children.
One in six children still ex-One in six children still experiences severe violent pun-

ishment and many are beaten with belts and canes. The Commission, which heard from 400 organisations and 500 children, says such "negative, violent and bumiliating forms of discipline" should be hanned, as these become "significant in the development of violent attitudes and

actions from a very early age". Other recommendations made by the commission include down the American path to high the abolition of boxing and any levels of inter-personal vio-

other activities where causing in- lence," warned Peter Newell of the organisation End Physical jury to an opponent is the aim; Punishment of Children taxing alcohol more harshiv to provide a real disincentive for (Epoch). And Sir William Utting. children; a review on laws concerning the possession and use

ous observation of the evening watershed on TV and the creation of a Children's Rights All the lessons of my working life point to the fact that violence breeds misery; it does not 'We are faced with the choice. If we don't take specific action now ... things will go

chairman of the commission, violent society. added: "We must develop a culture which disapproves of all forms of violence to children ...

The law should be changed to outlaw physical punishment, he said, and there should be a

formal commitment to non-violence, central and local co-ordination of a UK-wide strategy against violence and a checklist for working towards a non-

Allan Levy QC, a leading child law barrister, added: "We know it's not going to be casy but we are really trying to get from the highest level of government right down to parents being aware and trying to take measures to cut out violence." The report said that "the

most potent of the risk factors"

for children becoming violent "are clearly sited in childhood and within the family ... The best predictor of violence in adulthood is violent behaviour in childbood".

Although family break-up can have an effect it is only "indirect", while social deprivation can also play a part, as can prejudice, discrimination and alco-

hol, or other substance abuse. The report warns that there is still an ambivalent attitude towards violence in Britain, with physical punishment and de-

liberate humiliation remaining "common and legally and so-

cially acceptable.

Violent images in sport and on TV must also play a part "which some commercial interests do not hesitate to feed and exploit".

The connection between mental illness and violence is also complex, with between 5 and 10 per cent of adults and children involved in serious acts of violence classified as showing some form of mental

Moving stories: Palace denies Windsor 'retirement' plans as Labour leader's loyalty to heartland of fashionable left is questioned



Official duties: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on the balcony of 'the shop', Buckingham Palace

The Queen's home could be her castle

DAVID LISTER

From footman to lady-in-waiting, it is the talk of the Royal Household; the Queen is to trade the austere and soulless Buckingham Palace for Windsor Castle, ber weekend retreat where the corgis run free.

Yesterday a Palace spokeswoman said rumours that the largest private back garden restoration of the castle following the 1992 fire was being speeded up so the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh could shift their principal official residence were "complete speculation". Even with her grandson and heir within easier reach at nearby Eton, Majesty magazine was rather doubtful. But others in the know were not so sure.

"Anything is possible now the Queen is getting older." said Brian Hoey, author of the first official tourist guide to Buck-ingham Palace. "The palace has always been the office and Windsor home. Living in the palace is like being in a cross between a museum and the head-

quarters of IBM. Maybe the Queen is looking towards retirement. Windsor is rather a grand geriatric residential

A move to the country, some say, would make sense for the couple. The palace may be the capital's ultimate des res, boasting 500 rooms, a marvellous view from the front balcony and in London but the Oneen Prince Philip have never hid their dislike of the place

pares residing at the palace to living above the shop. On the Queen's succession, Winston Churchill had to persuade her to move there. Previous generations of royals regretted Vic-toria's decision to make the palace HQ. Edward VII judged it draughty and Georges V and VI took up residence with equal reluctance.

Windsor, with its 1,000 rooms and the 5,000-acre Great Park. has that cosy feel the palace lacks, the current royals insist. Even the £40m fire repair bill



Weekend retreat: The Queen relaxing at Windsor Castle, a more appealing home despite its proximity to the Heathrow flightpath

David Hartley/Rex Features

ther has Windsor's position on the flight path to Heathrow. The 11th-century castle is fully double glazed; when her neighbours applied for free sound-proofing the Queen put in her own successful application.

If a permanent move does take place, the royal living arrangements will not be revolutionised. The Queen leaves Buckingham Palace most Fridays at about 2pm and seldom returns until Monday afternoon. Her London residence is

The Duke of Edinburgh com- has not dampened the Queen's hardly likely to be sold. But if enthusiasm for the place. Nei- the unthinkable happened, Lorna Vestey, partner with up-market estate agents Knight Frank and Rutley says the palace bought by George III for £28,000 in 1762, would be

snapped up.
"It would bring £200m plus," said Ms Vestey, who thinks the likeliest buyer would be from the Middle or Far East. The problem would be planning permission to change the prop-erty, "Can you imagine what the Holiday Inn would pay for it? asked Mr Hoey.

•Large private home in desirable location. Some traffic problems at front due to front gate leading straight on to a roundabout, but close to several tube stations; secluded gardens at rear with barbed wire to deter intruders - well

•Pleasing balcony for gesturing at crowds. Can be dangerous when fireworks are being fired from root above. A particularly novel feature is the flagpole. Its lack of a flag for 80 per cent of the year gives it a pleasingly surreal

Quainy.

•Asking price £200-£400m, not including flamingoes in garden. No inquiries please from estranged daughters in law or Canadian disc jockeys. Limited opportunities for hunting.

Buckingham Palace versus Windsor Castle :

 Prestigious country property within Green Belt and definitely separated by busy motorway from Slough.
 Essential nearby amenities including horserscing at Ascot. and Windsor Racecourses. Children are well catered for with good local school (prior knowledge of boat song an

advantage).

•Handy for Heathrow, and easy journey into central London (in non peak hours...on Sundays...at night).

•Extensive parkiand at rear excellent for children. Some polo is played. Lions and tigers have now been removed. So whole area is now danger free, except for polo playing

princes who fall off their horses. Bye laws allow family in residence to use the property's name as their own. Again this means it is an advantage the castle is not sited in nearby Slough.

Blair may abandon chattering classes in favour of upper classes

ANNE SPACKMAN

If ditching socialism was not bad enough, and far worse than scrapping Clause Four, Tony Blair may be about to abandon Islington.

A rumour has been circulating in the property world for the last six months that the Labour leader was looking to move to Notting Hill Gate. He would be leaving the home of champagne socialism for vintage Bollinger country, where the best family houses fetch more

Islington is black leather than £1m. jacket territory, the cultural home of the chattering classes, the embodiment of new Labour, At the time of his election the Labour leader was portrayed as the ultimate Islington man - or person, to use the vernacular. It would be a cruel fate for the north London borough to have its most famous resident snatched away on the eve of what could be his

It would also be a bad move in property terms. Since the cen-



On the threshold: Cherie and Tony Blair could be moving

MP with a successful barrister

tral London housing market stable, as with all popular parts came out of recession, three of London, there is very little years ago, nowhere has seen steeper price rises than Notting Hill. Houses there are now 20 per cent more expensive than, race in one of London's trendithey were in the autumn of er boroughs was a perfect 1992. The area has overtaken home. Should they want some-Chelsea on the price ladder. Though the market is now

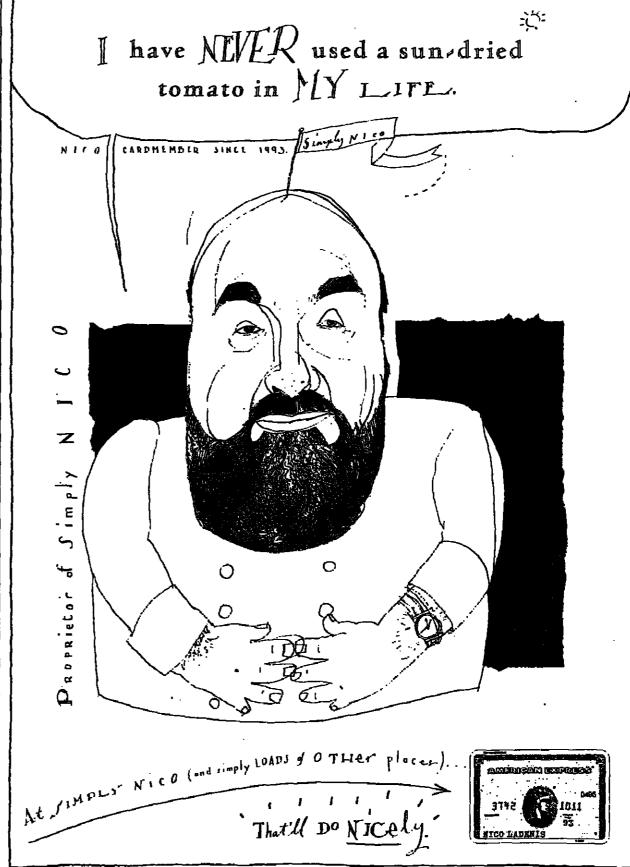
Savills has just sold one good family house in Notting Hill for £795,000. Their best bargain is an unmodernised house in Chepstow Place at £425,000, which would entail living with the builders for many months. There has been no official

contact between the Blairs and any of the local estate agents, though they might be using a friend or buying agency to house-hunt for them. But in spite of the cost, it

would be a logical step for the Blair family. Notting Hill, in west London, is far nearer the Brompton Oratory, where their eldest son. Euan, is now at school. It is also on the right tube line for the law courts and convenient for Westminster.

But for all its convenience and trendiness, Notting Hill is still in a Conservative-controlled borough.

property for sale. As a Labour For every luvvie, there are two tycoons of the Sainsbury wife, the £400,000 period terclass. How will it wash with the grass-roots, living in their council blocks up the road? It thing similar in Notting Hill they will have to pay nearly double. could be seen as the ultimate



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Thousands dying from microscopic pollution

Environment Correspondent

Microscopic airborne particles produced by traffic and other man-made sources are causing thousands of premature deaths each year and are the most dangerous type of air pollutant, the

Government agreed yesterday, The victims of this "particu-late" pollution – tiny specks less than one-hundredth of a millimetre across - are people suffering from chest illnesses, heart disease and, to a lesser extent, asthma. Many are elderly.

Two Government-appointed expert panels presented reports on particulates yesterday; one on the health dangers, and one recommending a tough new air quality standard.

Their findings increase pres-sure on the Cabinet to curb the growth in road traffic, especially diesel vehicles, which produce most of the particulates from transport. One possible response is to increase the duty on diesel to more than that for petrol in this month's Budget.

Both expert groups told the Government that a range of "well-conducted" health studies had demonstrated a link between rising levels of the pollutant and increasing hospital admissions and deaths, at concentrations often found in British cities.

Yesterday, ministers from three Government departments - health, transport and environment - said they accepted the two reports and promised to bring down levels of particulates. They reiterated existing policies designed to curb the pollution, but did not announce any fresh ones.

In the next few weeks, however, the Government will launch a new strategy giving local councils more powers to regulate traffic in order to reduce pollution. Council officers will be able to check vehicles at the roadside to see if exhaust fumes

meet legal limits. The standard recommended

by the Expert Panel on Air Quality Standards is a daily average of 50 micrograms of particulates per cubic metre of air. The Government said this standard was broken about 10 per cent of the time in most large British cities.

The standard, if implemented, would be one of the first for particulates in the world and also the toughest. The Government said it accepted 50 micrograms as a "benchmark' and would consider whether it should be adopted as a target.

Particulates are termed PM10 because each is around a ten-millionth of a metre across, or less - small enough to remain airborne for days and to be inhaled deep into the lungs. There are natural sources for them, such as salt from sea spray and soil dust. Even in unpolluted air they are present at levels of up to 30 micrograms.

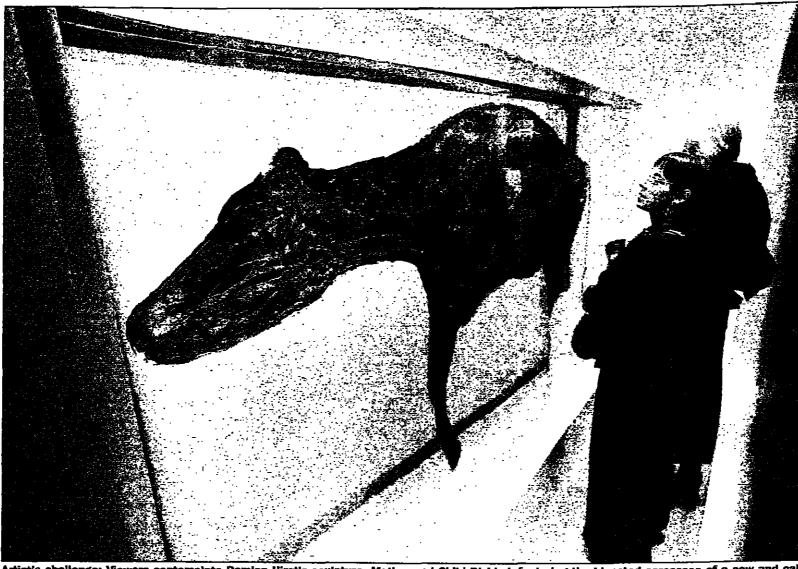
But during still, smoggy conditions in British cities, concentrations often go above 100 micrograms per cubic metre and occasionally above 200. Levels are usually highest in winter.

Epidemiological studies in the USA, Canada and the Netherlands suggest that each 10 microgram rise increases the number of daily deaths, hospital admissions and asthma attacks by at least 1 per cent. The second group reporting yesterday, the Committee on

the Medical Effects of Air Pollution, said these studies provided "clear evidence" of a link. Similar studies are getting under way in Britain.

Translated to the UK, the findings imply that up to 10,000 deaths each year are caused by PM10 levels of about 50 micrograms or higher - and many more hospital admissions. In addition, there could be

long-term effects, such as cancer, on the wider population from continuous exposure. Several other studies, some done in Britain, suggest such a link, although numbers of those affected are likely to be small.



Artist's challenge: Viewers contemplate Damlan Hirst's sculpture, Mother and Child Divided, featuring the bisected carcasses of a cow and calf in two water tanks, in central London yesterday at the Tate Gallery's exhibition of artists shortlisted for the Turner Prize Photograph: Nicholas Turpin

Union leader's driver 'was discourteous'

Union leader John Edmonds told an industrial tribunal yesterday how he had been greatly embarrassed" by his chauffeur's lack of courtesy.

Mr Edmonds, general secre-tary of the General Municipal Boilermakers union, also told the tribunal in Croydon, south London, that Tahir Raffi Janjua "screwed up" his timetable, because he did not know routes properly, making him late for appointments.

Mr Janjua, 38, of Norbury, south London, who was Mr Edmonds's chauffeur from February 1993 to March last year when he was dismissed, is claiming racial discrimination against Mr Edmonds said: "There

courteousness I would expect were occasions when I was



Disunion: John Edmonds (right) was not satisfied with the service from Tahir Janjua, the tribunal heard

He said Mr Janjua would take a quarter of an hour or

headquarters, in Wimbledon, south London, to central

Mr Edmonds said he told Mr greatly embarrassed when Mr more than normal on regular Janjua many times that he did Janjua failed to provide the journeys between the GMB not have to drive through

Clapham to the city centre. "It was screwing up a large part of my days." Mr Edmonds said.

Clapham to the city centre. "It talk him into getting a new car.

On one occasion, Mr Edmonds said, he had to struggle was screwing up a large part of my days," Mr Edmonds said. I was getting pretty fed up.

I need time in my car as work time. The last thing I wanted to be was a back-seat driver." Mr Edmonds added that he found it difficult to read in the back of the car and his wife complained that Mr Janjua's

driving made her car sick. Mr Janjua told him that a number of unions had better and newer cars than the Ford Granada he drove.

T pointed out to him that the basic Granada could do 100.000 miles and then we would renew it. He said that would take many years and it was not good to keep a car that long."

Mr Edmonds said that Mr Janjua then tried to persuade his

with baggage in one hand and an umbrella in the pouring rain, but Mr Janjua did not open the car door for him. "It would have been helpful if Mr Janjua had taken the bag off me. I had to put things down before I

could get in the car." he said. Mr Edmonds said Mr Janjua was quiet and courteous until he was fold to do something that he did not want to do.

Mr Edmonds said there had been no reference to racial discrimination in any of the disciplinary hearings and appeals which led to Mr Janjua's dismissal and that the union considered the claim to be frivolous.

The hearing was adjourned

Prison Service under fresh attack

Homophobia:

The embattled Prison Service faced a renewed onslaught yesterday with a fresh government report highlighting its failures and proposing further changes to its structures.

But the service's acting director general, Richard Tilt, who re-placed Derek Lewis following his sacking over the Parkhurst jail-break, attacked the review as "unhelpful and unwelcome"

Mr Tilt pointed out that many of the changes suggested by the Home Office review contradicted those urged by Sir John Lear-mont in his inquiry into the escapes by the three prisoners on the Isle of Wight last year.

With the exception of all but a few of proposed changes, com-ing on top of a headquarters reorganisation only last year. Mr Tilt said the service would resist the recommendations.

The starting point of the report, a senior management review in a wider examination of all Civil Service departments, held that further change was nodesirable. But after extensive interviews the team believed that the last shake-up "had not been a success" and that despite some progress the service was "failing to meet ministerial require ments in a number of areas".

One of the key recommendations, accepted by the service, is the drawing together of the six top security prisons - Frankland, Full Sutton, Long Lartin, Parkhurst, Wakefield and Whitemoor - and Belmarsh, under a single, board-level director.

However, it also called for a new directorate of policy and operational standards to take over the responsibilities of the present director of security and the director of health care, which Mr Till, himself former director of security, said he opposed. -

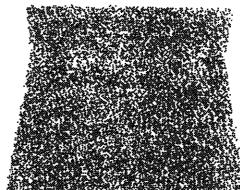
Mr Tilt was also critical of the more general attacks on the service. "The criticism observed in this report are unhelpful and unwelcome at this particular point in time," he said. "It's a distraction from what I consider to be the important task of holding the establishments together and delivering the service."

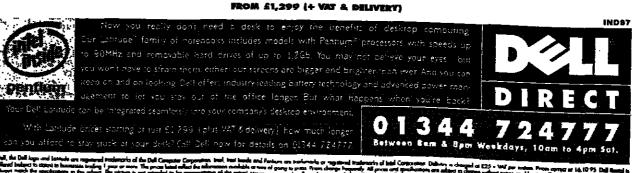


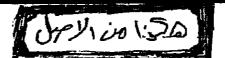
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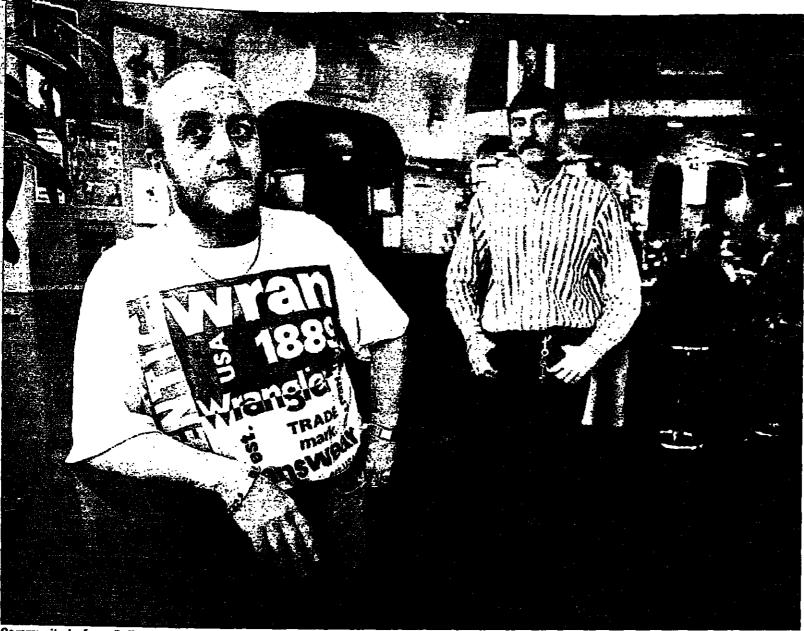
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Homophobia: As police investigate murder in city pick-up area, survey shows young homosexuals most at risk from assaults



Community in fear: Colin Damp (left) and Peter Hardman, joint landlords of The Swallow, a gays' pub in Plymouth

Photograph: Marc Hill

One in three gays is victim of violence

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

More than a third of gay men and women - and half of those aged under 18 - have been victims of homophobic violence in the past five years, the largest survey of its kind reveals.

The preliminary results of the unpublished study come the day after a 64-year-old man was murdered in a park in Plymouth and another was critically injured after being savagely beaten in what is believed to be a case of gay bashing. Both men, who were found just after midnight in a well-known gay pick up area, had their genitalia and faces slashed with craft knife and were severely beaten around the head.

They are suspected of being victims of an increasing number of anti-gay assaults. A nationwide survey of 3,166 lesbians. gay men, and bisexuals, found that 35 per cent had suffered violent attacks at least once since 1990. The study, by Stonewall. the national lesbian and gay campaign group, found that many were attacked on numerous occasions. The full results are expected to be published in several months.

Nine per cent of the people who answered questionnaires had been "systematically" heat-en up. 16.5 per cent had been hit, punched or kicked, and 4.5 per cent had been assaulted with a weapon. About one in 10 had

Attacks on gays

Stonewall's nationwide survey of gays and lesbians showed that:

35 per cent had suffered violence because of their sexuality . 16.5 per cent had been hit, punched or

> 4.5 per cent had been attacked with a weapon

objects, such as bricks, thrown at them, and about the same number again had experienced other forms of violence, such as heing pushed around.

Stonewall asked the respondents only to include violence that they knew was motivated by haired for gays

Black and disabled gay peo-

ple suffered the highest level of violence. Younger people were also more likely to be attacked. Almost 52 per cent of gays aged under 18 had experienced homophobic violence. In the 18 to 25 age group, it fell to 41 per cent, and for over-60s it was 10 per cent. There was little difference between men and women - about 36 per cent of males had been victims, com-

pared with just over 31 per cent

of females Stonewall said the attacks recorded in their study were often carried out outside known gay pubs or clubs and in parks or toilets used by homosexuals for sex. There has been growing concern among gays at an

apparent rise in such attacks. Angela Mason, director of Stonewall, said: "This large survey paints a picture of systematic violence and bigotry. The figures about young people are particularly disturbing."

At a conference on anti gay violence in Manchester on Saturday Ms Mason will call for an initiative between gays, the police, support groups and local authorities, to tackle the crime.

Stigma creates fear of reporting attacks

openly homophobic, but as in most provincial cities gay men or women do not hold hands in

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Instead most of the city's homosexual community prefer to restrict their public exposure to nothing more obvious than the he had seen him alone in the lights of the city's three gay and lesbian pubs and one gay club.

"The general attitude in Plymouth is one of fear and lack home after the pubs closed of confidence. Gay people are and did not go there for sex. scared of stirring up homophobia and don't want to stick their head over the parapet," said social worker Jonathan Madley, one of the city's few publically outspoken gay men.

If you held a gay pride rally in Plymouth about five people would turn up," he added. But just after midnight on Tuesday that changed. The insular world of the West Coun-Lry gav community is now under the spotlight. The catalyst for change was the severely beaten bodies of two men who were found lying 200 yards apart in the city's Central Park.

Terry Sweet, 64, died shortly after the police arrived. His attackers had slashed his geni-talia and face and savagely hit him around the head. The other as yet unidentified man, who is believed to be in his 40s, has similar injuries. Last night he was still unconscious and in a critical condition in hospital.

Yesterday three men were being questioned by police. Mr Sweet lived alone and was well known within the Plymouth

Jason Bennetto reports on Plymouth's insular gay community

gay community. He had spilt with his wife several years ago. A friend said yesterday that

park an hour before he died. The man added that Mr Sweet often cut through the park to go

Yesterday the area where the bodies were found was cordoned off. The park is one of the three main "cruising" areas in Plymouth where gay men and some supposedly "straight" men meet for sex. Also close by is a public toilet used for "cot-

taging" or sex. Earlier this year the toilet was the target of a police operation. But the police now want the gay community to help them. They have set up a confidential telephone line, manned by social workers, for people to ring and give details of previous beatings.
There have been numerous

attacks on gay men, particular-ly in the past six months, but the police only get to hear about a

Bob was one of those victims. As he left the park one night a gang of youths set upon him. He did not contact police because when a similar thing happened he says he was told by a detec-tive "if you go there what do you expect". "People are scared to report things, they don't want

usual 'don't care' response from the police," he said. Rod is another example. About two weeks ago he was beaten by a group of people who overheard him tell a woman who was getting too "friendly" at a club that he was gay. He needed hospital treatment but refused to tell the police.

Plymouth is not particularly squeamish about sex - it has a notorious red light district and a history of sex connected with its status as a garrison town for the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, and Army. Added to a population of about 270,000 it appears doubly strange that the gay community appears so timid. Jonathan Madley was struck

by this when he arrived from London in 1988. "I was used to people being out and loud. The gay community here is very dispersed and unorganised." As an example he points to attempts to set up a discussion forum about gay issues which folded due to lack of interest.

Colin Damp, landlord of the Swallow pub, a gay hang out, said: The gay community is not very close knit and will go out of its way not to rock the boat or draw attention to itself."

Several gay people blamed the fear on an anti-homophobic atmosphere created by the military presence. Openly gay the stigma or retribution and the people make ready targets.

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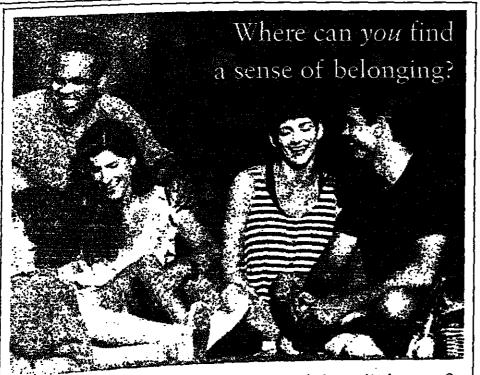
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Education standards: Independent think-tank says pupils' behaviour and effective leadership are crucial to making progress

Inner-city schools find elusive key to success

DOUL HIIDUL

Heads of successful schools are unobtrusive team leaders who listen to their staff, not the charismatic and domineering figures of popular myth. according to a new report on inner-city schools, published vesterday.

pupil behaviour emerged as even more important than had previously been thought in determining a school's success.

Two schools of the 11 surveyed had profect systems, but the most significant common feature was that the codes of

conduct were clearly laid down. Well-kept and litter-free buildings also play a vital role in raising standards, says the report from the National Commission on Education, an independent think-tank.

The report, published just a week after a Government "hit squad" recommended the closure of Hackney Downs School in London, tells the story of 11 schools with many disadvantaged children that have suc-

ceeded against the odds.
It cites a Welsh primary school where the head has broken down barriers with children by putting lizards in his office and allowing the children and their parents to come in and tend them at any time.

At a Birmingham girls' school where 60 per cent of pupils are on free school meals - against a national average of 16 per cent) – the percentage of top GCSE grades has risen from 2 to 29 per cent in the last six

Professor Margaret Maden, co-author of the study, attacked Government inspectors for expecting failing schools to turn around overnight. Real improvement took many years.

The commission sent teams representing education, business and the community into the schools, including such figures

Graeme Souness, the former

Liverpool and Glasgow Rangers manager, has agreed to a mas-

sive reduction in the £750,000 libel damages he won from Mirror

Group Newspapers last June.
Mr Souness sued the People after it ran a front-page interview with his first wife, Danielle,

in which she accused him of behaving like a "dirty rat", telling her to "get stuffed" when she asked for money to feed and

Following an eight-day High

Court hearing during which the

paper was accused of acting with "all the courage of a dead chick-

en and less decency than an el-

derly skunk". Mr Souness received the highest award by a

British jury against a national

newspaper - the £1m Elton John won from the Sun in 1988

was an out-of -court settlement.

the jury not to award "extravagant" damages, ordered a stay on £500,000 of the settlement pend-

ing an appeal by the Mirror Group, due to have been heard at the High Court next week. In a statement issued through

his solicitors, the former Liv-

erpool star - who now manages

Mr Justice Morland, who told

clothe their children.

RHYS WILLIAMS

Souness takes huge

cut in libel award

as Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of

England, They found that the head, good pupil behaviour, careful measurement of pupils' progress, common purpose, the environment and relationships with parents and the community were all key factors in schools

The word "understated" is more likely to be used about a successful head than "charismatic . As one teacher put it: The overriding impression of the head is one of irresistible cheerfulness in a low-key and

unobtrusive way."
Clean and bright buildings were a feature of all 11 schools. "When the head wanted to improve the staff room by painting the walls and re-covering the chairs. I thought she should be spending the money on books. Now I know why, said one teacher.

Another school put "beautiful and interesting things" such as plants and fish tanks throughout the school, and repaired broken windows immediately.

Sometimes, the very threat of closure drew parents and teachers together, so that they were able to raise standards. "It was noteworthy that in these schools the will to succeed was strength-ened, rather than weakened, by calamities.

Launching the report yes-terday, Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, said: "There is much more consensus about what is needed to help schools to help themselves. There is a growing culture of self-improvement in our schools." David Blunkett, Labour's ed-

ucation spokesman, said the example of the 11 schools was inspiring. "I get tired of hear-ing about people who feel they are hard done by when others who have been even more hard done by are actually doing

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Souness: Name cleared

and £400,000.

£100,000, plus costs thought to amount to between £350,000

Mr Souness added: "I have

been advised that because of le-

gal precedent, it would be sen-

sible to accept a more moderate sum. My sole purpose has al-ways been to clear my name."

Gerard Cukier, Mr Souness's

solicitor, said yesterday that the Court of Appeal had a his-tory of substantially reducing

high awards by juries and that £100,000 broadly represented the figure the judges would have had in mind. We accept

that £750,000 was a large sum

and probably was excessive.

but ... it reflected what the jury



How to achieve against the odds

LOUISE JURY

Alongside the photographs and the brightly coloured artwork on the walls lies one of the keys to Columbia Primary School's suc-

cess. The Behaviour Policy.

We've all got a very clear understanding that you can't have good learning without an orderly atmosphere, headteacher Pen-ny Bentley said yesterday. The teachers and helpers have their responsibilities, the parents have theirs and the

children's were clearly enacted as the seven- and eight-year-olds walked in an orderly line to and from assembly.

The whole school wrote the policy, including children and parents. We put quite a lot of

energy into implementing it. Ms Bentley explained. But if there is one factor that highlights the difference be-tween Columbia Primary in the deprived London borough of Tower Hamlets and schools in more prosperous areas it is the policy document itself. Like the welcome sign at the school entrance, the policy comes in both English and Bengali.

CASE STUDY

When the first youngsters arrive from the age of three up-wards, most speak Sylheti, Only eight per cent have English as a first language. There are 14 dif-ferent languages among the 450 pupils and the 15 teachers have the support of five bi-lingual colleagues and assistants to help the

children learn the language most of their parents do not speak. You have to start with a conviction that these children can do it, that these children are as able and brave and wonderful as any children and that they can achieve as highly as other chil-dren," said Ms Bentley.

In Vanessa Chadwick's class, the nine- and 10-year-olds were busy on different tasks. "Over the fortnight, they have six activities which cover areas of the curriculum and they do them in whatever order they want," Ms Chadwick said. "The essence is to encourage independent working and thinking about how to pace themselves

It was, said Ms Bentley, pleasant to be recognised for a ing "against the odds".

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RHYS WILLIAMS

Eastenders provoked more complaints than any other television programme last year, according to research published by the Broadcasting Standards Council yesterday. Releasing its annual survey of

listeners' and viewers' concerns, the statutory body for moni-toring standards of taste and decency in British broadcasting said that the BBC1 soap opera attracted 47 complaints, near-ly half of which referred to the ou-screen lesbian relationship between Della Alexander and

A further third related to vi- a nipple.

olence, particularly at the climax of the storyline involving Grant

Mitchell's aggressive lodger at the Queen Vic, Dougie. Cracker, the gritty ITV drama series, featuring Robbie
Coltrane as police psychologist
Fitz, prompted 46 complaints –
mostly about sex and violence
– followed by Jeremy Hardy
Speaks to the Nation, with 38 complaints, and Billy Connolly's

World Tour of Scotland. The most complained-about television advertisements were for Tango, which parents felt were too frightening for chil-dren, and Neutralia shower gel, which showed a brief glimpse of

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Seeking traffic solutions: Congestion boosts market for technology and fuels demands for a motorway hold-ups arbitrator

Cars 'could have computer route finders in 5 years'

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

Family cars could be fitted with cheap, easy-to-use computerised route planners within five years, the Transport minister. Steven Norris, said yesterday. Speaking just before visiting

the world congress on intelligent transport systems in Yokohama, Japan, Mr Norris said the technology for such devices is largely developed and would prove very popular.

The planners first locate the exact position of the vehicle by receiving signals from a network of satellites. Then the driver punches the destination into the on-board computer which will work out the best route, taking into account factors such as oneway streets or blocked-off roads. The system can also be programmed to take extra information, such as the location

THE PARTY NAMED IN

The system can be updated as the map is provided on a compact disc from which information

is input to the computer and new CDs will be provided by the manufacturers. Mr Norris said that about 10 per cent of mileage is wasted by drivers either making a mistake and going the wrong way, or by not taking the best possible route. He said: "These devices could result in considerable savings in mileage and reduced congestion."

The system is not yet available in Britain because the development of the map has not been completed, but it should be available next year. Already a European co-operation programme. Socrates, is working on developing a system which would also provide information on traffic congestion through a connection with the mobile telephone network which would

of shops, hotels or restaurants. automatically update the onboard computer.

The technology could also be used as the basis for a roadtolling system, although most ex-perts feel that this may not be possible because the requirements are very different. Road tolling has, in any case, been postponed because of technological problems and its introduction is unlikely until well into the next decade.

Ian Catling, who runs a con-sultancy specialising in this field. said that Britain had a lead in the technology five years ago but now was behind Germany and Japan: "In Japan over half a million cars already have similar navigation computers because the government helped to fund the development of the computerised map. In Germany. people buying 7-series BMWs are offered them as an optional extra costing around £2,000."



AA calls for a roads watchdog

LOUISE JURY

An independent motorway watchdog with traffic jam-busting powers is needed to fight on behalf of road-users, the head of the Automobile Association

said yesterday. Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, the AA's chairman, said there was an urgent need for a body with minute-by-minute concern and responsibility for traffic conditions on UK motorways".

Expanding on previous AA appeals for some kind of "roads service director", Sir Ralph added: "We must treat travellers as customers everywhere in our transport system. Whether they are sitting for hours in motor-way roadworks, or waiting for buses that haven't arrived, they need to know that someone is aware and cares."

The suggestion came as part of a wide-ranging speech at the organisation's national motoring awards lunch in London. which was also attended by the Secretary of State for Transport,

Sir George Young. Afterwards, Paul Watters, the organisation's head of roads and

transportation policy, said the government Highway Agency's own research showed that the public wanted an independent

arbitrator to act on their behalf. "They want someone who can step in and deal with unnecessary delays caused by contractors or works or whatever. They want someone who can evaluate the cost of delays to the community and bring pressure

Although the motorways and trunk roads under the Highways Agency control comprise only a small part of the roads net-work, they carry 30 per cent of traffic. Resolving problems on the motorways would go a long way to easing the public's traf-fic concerns, Mr Watters said. An independent watchdog with teeth could be a lever to achieve that.

At the awards lunch, Sir Ralph also spoke about the need to develop a national transport plan. "It is 18 years since the Government published a White Paper on transport policy - a new way forward is urgently needed to be mapped out," he said.





Church and state: Campaign to reform law on marriage falters as opposition grows in run-up to referendum

Irish vote on divorce heads for close finish

ALAN MURDOCH

The Irish Republic's divorce referendum campaign is heading for a nail-biting last fortnight with an opinion poll yesterday showing support for its intro-duction down to just 52 per cent.

The poll in the Irish Times showed the pro-divorce vote has slumped six points in two weeks while the opposition has strengthened to 35 per cent, with don't knows up four points to 13 per cent. Voting takes

place on 24 November. In a campaign marked by the low profile of the Catholic clergv and scarce reference to Vatican dogma, opposition arguments have increasingly stressed the social and economic costs of divorce.

Divorce is banned under the 1937 constitution. The referendum asks people whether they wish to remove the bar and allow the right to remarry.

In the last attempt at reform. Garrett Fitzgerald's ill-prepared 1986 coalition campaign saw an early pro-divorce majority become a 63.5 per cent vote against. Then, Catholic orthodoxy was reinforced with a scare campaign warning of physical eviction of wives and children from family homes.

The present government campaign, backed by a Ir£500,0000 publicity campaign, at first seemed secure, with 69 per cent in May favouring the introduction of divorce.

That majority has been steadily eroded by a hard-hitting "No" campaign alleging "Divorce damages children", claiming it would cost an extra 10 per cent in tax, a suggestion dismissed by the government.

perhaps Europe's most heavily-taxed workforce echoes the killer punch of 1986, when divorce was presented especially to rural voters as an insidious virus likely to break up family farms.

This year's more sophisti-cated arguments cite data claiming growing divorce in Britain and the US is directly linked to increased poverty. In a relatively muted government campaign, ministers reply that this is muddled thinking, arguing the wider marital breakdown problems is the root problem.

Canvassing from the pulpit is now less overt. The clergy's influence is waning, undermined by recent scandals over clerical sex abuse. In a recent poli 75 per cent of respondents had "mixed. little or no confidence" in Church leaders.

Traditionalist thinking lingers on in the explicit Anti-Divorce Campaign assertion that the 4 per cent of separated couples should not have access to re-marriage to "protect" the first marriages of the 96 per cent of couples who have not.

Such "Catholic State for a Catholic people sentiments anger the minority Protestant Church of Ireland.

But divorce's leading opponents argue that allowing divorce will lead to a rise in marital breakdown that would not otherwise occur, as couples end strained marriages they could otherwise have repaired.

The Catholic bishops' only re-cent intervention dubbed the divorce proposal a "bad law" that threatened "scrious moral. spiritual and social implications for generations.

The law reform minister, Mervyn Taylor, insists legislation since 1989 covering judicial separation and family home protection has closed holes that sank the Fitzgerald campaign. This appeal to the wallets of He says the issue now is simply the right to remarry, and voting "Yes" is merely offering "a second chance" to 80,000 separat-



From wedlock to deadlock: A pro-divorce poster in Dublin highlights the plight of separated people unable to re-many

Couple rejects the English solution to an Irish problem

David Herman, a former electrical engineer with the Irish State Electricity Supply Board, married in 1967 at the age of 28. The marriage broke up amid "terrible rows" after 10 years, writes Alan Murdoch.

Several years later he formed a relationship with his new partner Maureen, a former civil servant. They have lived to-gether since 1982 but although a judicial separation was agreed a year after the split with his exwife, they have been unable to marry because of divorce ban. Mr Herman, 56, has two children from his marriage, a son of 24 and a daughter of 21,

who were brought up by their mother, to whom he paid main-

tenance payments.

He has no interest in pursuing a foreign divorce and says this would be impractical since he would have to establish domicile in another jurisdiction. "A foreign divorce is extremely doubtful [legally] here. Anyway I would prefer to have an Irish solution rather than trekking off to England. [Ireland] is a great country for moving our

"I would also like to see the state facing up to the Church and producing laws which do not, or should not, necessarily, please the Church." Though born a Catholic, he dismisses the idea of a Church annulment. in which the marriage is ended in the eyes of the Church, as "an intellectual cop-out".

problems elsewhere.

He rejects claims that there is any serious distinction be-tween those given Church annulments and the large mass of separated couples who had un-

happy marriages.

His own experience has left him unconvinced by suggestions that continuing a failed marriage is always better for children than divorce. Mr Herman, who took early retirement in 1989 to write books on hill-walking, accepts break-ups are difficult for children.

He says his own separation. when the children were five and three, "affected them very badbut believes that in the longer term an end to the parents' conflict meant a far less troubled upbringing for them.

Cancer patients are not told enough'

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

Almost half of patients told they have cancer are given no in-formation about the disease or their prognosis, and 45 per cent only get between 5 and 14 min-utes with the doctor at the diagnosis, according to a survey. About 1 in 10 hears the bad

news from a GP over the tele-phone, while 11 per cent say they were told on the ward or

in a hospital corridor.

The survey by BACUP
(British Association of Cancer
United Patients) revealed many distressing examples of com-munication breakdown between doctors and their patients, according to Jean Mossman, chief executive. "One patient who had had a blood test was told over the phone "Oh yes, it was positive, you have got leukaemia," she said.

In another incident a specialist spotted a patient with his wife in a corridor and launched into the diagnosis: "There is something nasty in the family.

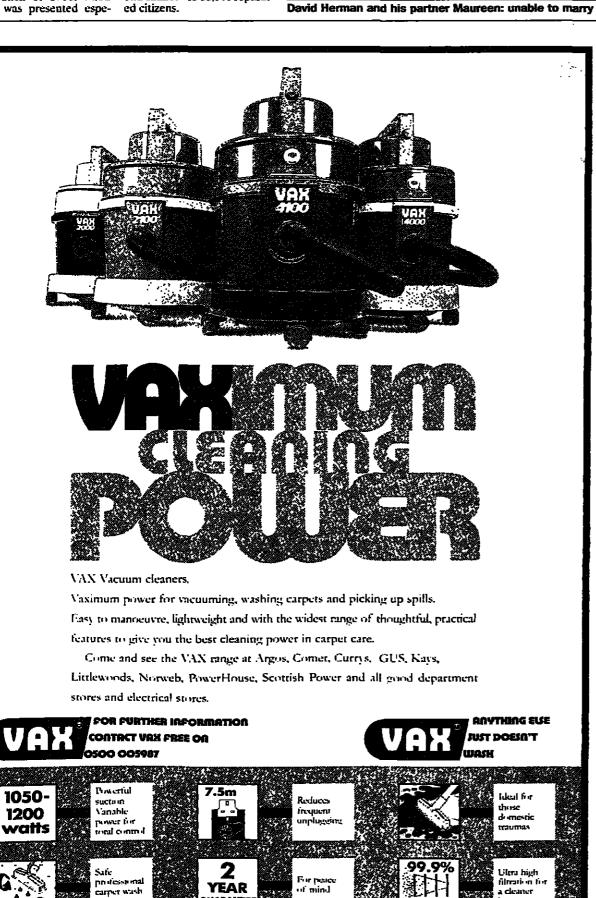
Speaking at the launch of BACUP'S new patient guide for people living with cancer, The Right to Know, Ms Mossman said that 95 per cent of patients say it is vital to receive as much information as possible. "Nobody deserves to be treated with indifference or not given the whole truth, she said.
Tom Sackville, the health

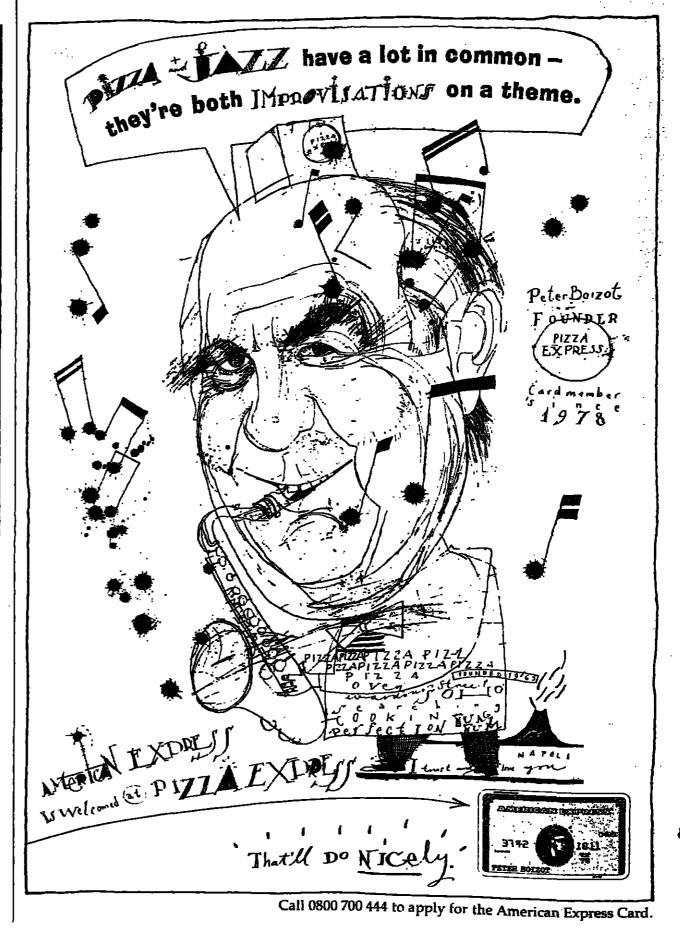
minister, said the guidelines provided the essentials for good practice for professionals and health authorities and covered the impact of cancer on patients and their families, what information they are entitled to receive and how to tailor the information to individuals. "[The Government] is making substantial organisational changes to cancer care, what BACUP is doing is complementary to that," he said.

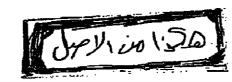
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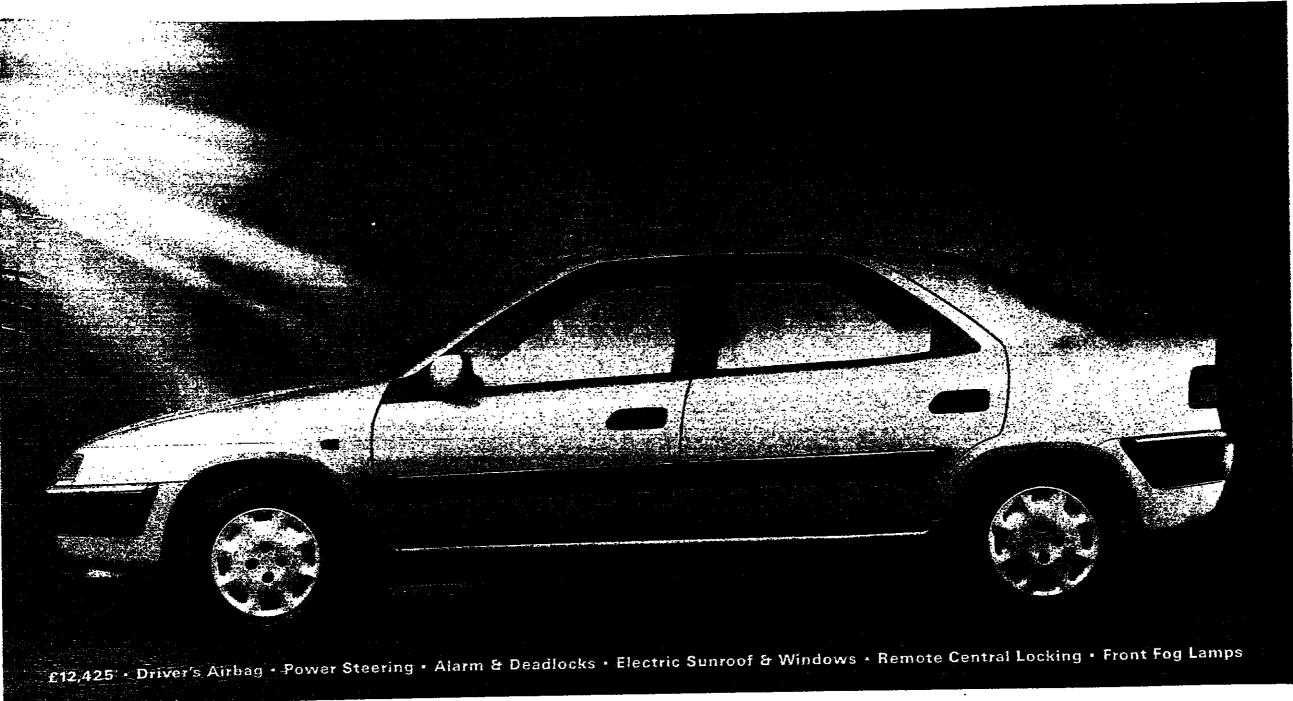


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Lilley's despair at cuts shows lurch to right, says Labour

DONALD MACINTYRE

The Government was yesterday accused of a further "lurch to the right" after it had emerged that Peter Lilley. Secretary of State for Social Security, had warned the Treasury that its pro-posal to cut his department's staff "fills me with despair".

The accusation by Labour came amid a big party political row over the leak to Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, showing that Mr Lilley has agreed cuts in his budget of £400m next year rising to 11bn in three years' time.

A letter from Mr Lilley to William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, warned that the impact on the DSS of Treasury proposals to cut running costs would be "devastating, and added: "Quite apart from the political fallout as service becomes chaotic. I am convinced - for reasons I've explained - that we would be cutting off our noses to spite our

Labour sources suggested last night this could be a reference to the difficulties posed by staff cuts in hunting down so-cial security traud - itself believed to be an important Lilley has already agreed.

der-25s claiming housing ben-efit - which has already been pegged to the average market rent level. Mr Lilley warns that this would require a Bill which would be "too great a risk at this stage of a Parliament".

But he announces officials have found a way to make an immediate saving of £25m a year by switching many of the 143,000 people incapacitated by industrial injury to retirement allowances worth a quarter of the £38.20 maximum reduced earnings allowances they receive

Mr Lilley refused in a BBC radio interview to be drawn on the details in the leaked letter - first published in vesterday's Independent - which shows he offered to make cuts in housing and industrial injury benefit as well as clamping down on benefits for single parents.

Blair said Labour were abandoning their opposition to reform, thinking the unthinkable and producing plans to curb benefit spending," he said in a statement. "Yet today Chris Smith reverts to the old Labour policy of knee-jerk opposition to any proposals for welfare recomponent of the savings Mr form. Social security already illey has already agreed. costs every working person £15 The issue is v
Mr Lilley's letter, sent on 24 every working day. Without my the Budget."

October, reveals the Treasury was seeking a new 70 to 80 per cent youth rate for 400,000 unability to pay."

However, the fact that even Mr Lilley, widely regarded as a Thatcherite, was resisting Trea-sury demands, is regarded by Labour as further evidence of a lurch to the right by the Government and one which is cost-

ing it dear in public support.
The letter shows Mr Lilley had consented to the abolition for new claimants of the £5.20a-week lone parent premium, paid to those on income support, and to the freezing of the one-parent benefit, paid to single mothers regardless of their income. The lone parent premium would also be frozen for existing claimants in a move that would hit some of Britain's poorest parents. Chris Smith, under pressure

to explain how Labour would reduce the social security budget, said: "I want tax cuts, but sensible tax cuts - and this is not the way to go about achieving those. The solution is not to remove benefit from people who need it, it is to get people back into work."

Refusing to commit a future Labour government to reversing the cuts. if they are made, he said: "That's not the issue. The issue is what's before us in



Pause for thought: Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, and Liz Lynne, social security spokeswoman, at the launch of their alternative Queen's Speech in London yesterday. The package of 'Bills' will form the basis of the party's general election campaign

Major rejects Ulster summit before Clinton visit

down a request by the Irish Prime Minister John Bruton for a symmit on Northern Ireland before President Bill Clinton visits Britain, writes Colin

Mr Bruton said yesterday he had invited Mr Major to re-

John Major is ready to turn convene the summit in a fortnight to try to find a way through the impasse on the peace process before the US President's arrival on 28 November. **But Downing Street sources**

agree to a summit, unless a substantial shift takes place in Sinn Fein's position. said last night that unless Sinn

with Mr Major in two weeks in commissioning.

not exist". That was taken as a

clear signal to Dublin by Lon-

don that Mr Major will not

"the basis for a summit would a letter to the Prime Minister this week. Mr Bruton said a reasonable target date should be set for the start of all-party, roundtable talks, nominating six weeks from the beginning of the work of a planned internation-Mr Bruton suggested talks al body to oversee arms de-

The plan is thought to have been discussed when the two men met in Jerusalem on Monday after the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin. On the same day, Mr Bruton had discussions with Mr Clinton. Mr Clinton has said he hopes all-party talks can begin before his visit.

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Senior Tories campaign for doubling of MPs' pay

Chief Political Correspondent

A campaign to double MPs' salaries to more than £60.000 a year was gaining momentum last night in the wake of the outside earnings.

The campaign threatens to put MPs' pay back on the agenda early in the next session of Parliament, which begins with the State Opening of Parliament

MPs are angry that their pay rise is being held to a below-inflation 2.7 per cent from next January and want to secure big increases before the general election to avoid MPs in the their own pay increases.

restraint, but the mood among ing strongly in favour of substantial increases to catch up with the private sector. Their determination to increase their parliamentary salaries has been the decision to open up their

mer Treasury minister, Sir Terence Higgins, who is leading the campaign, said MPs' pay should be doubled and ministerial salaries trebled to more than £120,000 a year.

Sir Terence, who has announced his intention to stand ning strong support from Tory colleagues. Allan Stewart, another former minister, threw his

weight behind the campaign.
"If you look at the figures, over the past 30 years average incomes in real terms have next Parliament having to vote risen by 80 per cent: MPs pay has remained steady in real ian MPs get £76,410 and French

fallen quite sharply. "I think there is a problem. I think the British public would like to see openness about outside earnings, which I voted for, but an increase in pay to reflect the importance of the job." Mr

reinforced by the loss of lucra- Stewart said. However, the MPs tive consultancies as a result of supporting a substantial increase in their pay are not in other earnings to scrutiny.

The widely respected forreturn for stopping all outside

MPs agreed to link their salaries to a grade of senior civil servant to avoid the embarrassment of voting their own pay increases. But they have become increasingly dissatisfied with their rises, which have been held down at the next election, is win- down as a result of the Treasury squeeze on public sector pay.

The next increases are automatically triggered on 1 January but Tory MPs may seek to force a vote to register their protests. They complain that American congressmen receive the equivalent of £82,000; Ital-

MPs earn £54,000 The 2.7 per cent increase will raise an MP's salary from £33,189 to £34,085 - an increase of £17.23 a week. Cabinet ministers' salaries will rise from £67.819 to £69.650 - an increase of £35.21 a week.

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Travel survey: Visits to UK fail to counter growth in departures as new poll reveals quirkier side of foreigners' vacation habits

Holiday exodus costs Britain £4.5bn a year

IAN MACKINNON

If you got stuck behind a tourist's camper-van or motorbike during the summer the chances are that it belonged to

Equally, the foreign visitor struggling along the high street under the weightiest purchases might have been from Iceland. of all places, as they on average spent more each day of their

stay than any other nationality. These little known facts are a few of the quirkier outcomes highlighted in Travel Trends, a government publication which for the first time gives a comprehensive picture of tourism to and from the UK.

The survey, the result of more than 220,000 interviews with British and foreign visitors entering and leaving the country, has a more serious intent. primarily to provide information on income and expenditure for the balance of payments accounts.

The bad news for the Exchequer is that Britons travelling abroad spend £4.5bn more while away than their foreign counterparts do while here.

£14.5bn as opposed to £9.92bn. It has not always been so, however. Prior to 1981 the reverse had been the case. though since then the gap in expenditure has widened mirroring the growing number of Britons going abroad.

The number of visits overseas by Britons now outstrips those by foreigners to Britain by nearly two to one, 40 million visits abroad compared to 21 million coming here.

However, the fact that we

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counterparts fork out £467, explains why the gap in expenditure is considerably less than the number of visits might suggest.

The biggest spenders from abroad, after the leelanders, at £116 a day on average, were from Luxembourg, Japan or the Middle East at more than £80 daily. New Zealanders spent least, just £29.40.

Middle-aged men coming here were also the biggest spenders, at £93 each day on average, while women in the same age-group parted with only £54.

Similarly, British women travelling abroad tended to be less profligate with their cash, spending on average £10 less each day than men, a gap that widened with age.

That cash was most likely to be spent in France or Spain, by far the most popular destinations for Britons, though the greatest expenditure per visit tended to be in Japan, New Zealand or Australia, where stays were likely to be longer.

Turkey is the strongest new destination for British visitors, tend to spend on average £363 with the numbers doubling beeach time, while our foreign tween 1992 and 1994, the latest

In the opposite direction, those from eastern Europe were a new growth area for visitors here, their expenditure into £300m in the same two years.

But the largest group, almost 3 million in 1994, and as a result the biggest spender at a to-tal of £1.8bn, was from the US. As ever the most popular destination was London, while the least popular resort was the Isle

■ Travel Trends; HMSO; PO Box 276, London SW8 ■ Thousands of holidaymakers

eign flights and hotels next summer because of a slump in all-inclusive tour bookings.

year for which figures are available, from 329,000 to 721,000. Bookings are 30 per cent down on last year and Thomson, the on last year and Thomson, the UK's biggest holiday company. confirmed yesterday that it is cutting the number of its holidays. People whose travel creasing three-fold from £100m arrangements are altered due to cuts in flights and hotel rooms will be compensated.

"There is no single resort that is going to be dropped but where we have, say, three flights a day to a resort, we may cut that down two," a Thomson spokesperson said.

Spain has borne the brunt of the slump, partly due to a 10 per cent hike in holiday prices and lack of consumer confidence. "There's certainly not much of could face changes to their for- a 'feel good factor' around at the moment," Alan Flook, general secretary of the Federation of Tour Operators, said.



Witness's illness delays West trial

WILL BENNETT

The murder trial of Rosemary West was adjourned until Monday yesterday because a witness who collapsed on Tuesday was not fit to continue giving her evidence.

Janet Leach was taken to hospital in Winchester when she became unable to speak or move during the lunch time adioumment.

Mrs Leach, 39, who suffered a stroke last year, had told the court that Mrs West and her husband Frederick made a pact by which he would take all the blame for the murders with which they were charged.

She said Mr West told her this during conversations she had with him after she was appointed as an impartial observer to sit in on scores of police interviews with him last

Richard Ferguson QC, for the defence, had not finished been expected to end in the cross-examining Mrs Leach, middle of next week.

who was visibly distressed when taken to the Royal Hampshire

hospital by ambulance. Mrs West, 41, denies murdering 10 girls and young women whose remains were found at the Wests' house, 24 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, and at their previous home in the city. Mr West, who was charged with 12 murders, was found hanged in his prison cell on New Year's Day this year.

During three days in the witness hox Mrs West told the court that she played no part in the killings, which she blamed entirely on her husband,

Yesterday Mrs Leach's condition was assessed by a consultant who submitted a report to the court. After reading it Mr Justice Mantell told the jury Mrs Leach was not fit at present to continue with her evidence.

The adjournment will delay the finish of the trial which had

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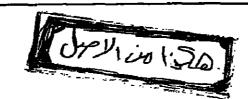
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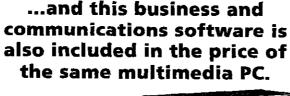


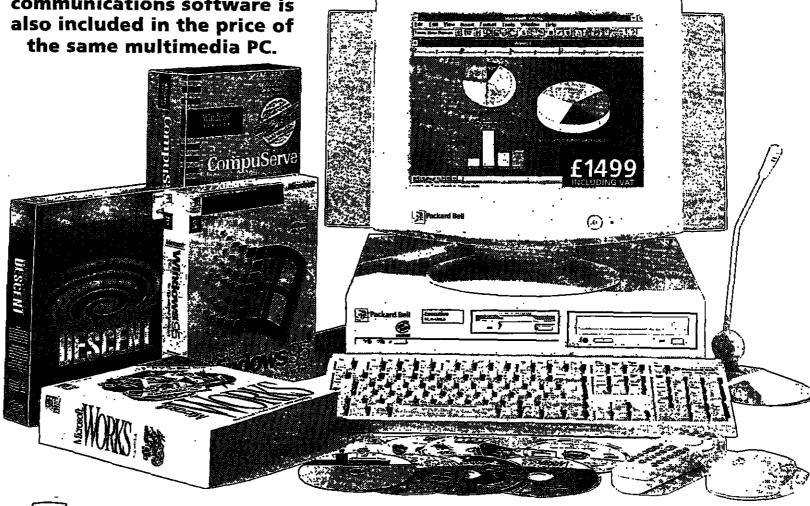
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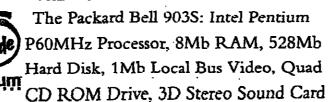
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Beating retreat: General Colin Powell's cautious military instinct has dictated that now is the right time for a strategic withdrawal

No black Eisenhower this time round

RUPERT CORNWELL

So there will be no "black Fisenhower, at least this time around. To the universal relief of his putative rivals, but the wider disappointment of millions of his countrymen, a retired general and best-selling author will not attempt to become President Colin Powell, the first African-American to win the White House.

For that America must thank a soldier's instinctive caution before committing himself to battle, his reluctance to pay the price in human privacy and dignity that a presidential run demands, and — perhaps most influential of all — the misgivings of his wife and family, only deepened this last weekend by the killer who gunned down the Prime Minister of Israel.

All along a Powell candidacy had been tinged with unreality, borne aloft on the warm winds of uncritical media enthusiasm and opinion polls suggesting that of the declared ment of the state's highly and potential Republican runners, he had by far the best chance of unseating President Bill Clinton. But beyond bland used to be. But in the crucial generalities that identified him first primary, where Gen Pow-

economic matters but liberal on of Mr Merrill's potent organiare — every candidate already social issues, he had never faced sation might be decisive. That in the race. Mr Clinton is spared detailed scrutiny of his views.

Signs had multiplied that what lay ahead might not be coronation by acclamation. The religious right and "social conservatives", ferociously opposed to abortion and gun control, had served notice they would fight General Powell tooth and nail. Weighing too on a man who

never really felt the "burning fire" that would have enabled him to put up with the obligatory indignities of seeking the White House, was the knowledge that his tussle for nomination with Bob Dole, the Senate majority leader, would have been far from a walkover. In one recent poll, Mr Dole remained the favourite of Republican voters.

Indeed, by coincidence or otherwise, a few hours before Gen Powell was to make his announcement in a suburban Washington hotel, Mr Dole was in New Hampshire, receiving the coveted endorsepopular Republican Governor, Stephen Merrill Political endorsements may not what they as relatively conservative on ell had to do well, the benefit

weighing every factor before making up his mind.

In the end, though, two other considerations were probably decisive. One was the growing tension in race relations here, in the wake of the OJ Simpson verdict and the Million Man March on Washington. Increasingly, a possible Powell candidacy had turned into a symbol of America's yearning for racial healing, a worthy enough sentiment — but not one to the liking of a man who had consciously tried to keep his race out of his politics.

The final blow may have come last Saturday, with the assassination of Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, another soldier turned political leader. All along Alma Powell has been opposed to her husband's running, not least because of the security risks. What price that a white fanatic would not try to kill Gen Powell, just as James Earl Ray killed Martin Luther King 27 years ago?

So, like a clutch of distinguished Republicans before him he is pulling out, and the beneficiaries of his decision

Presidential almost-rans who fell by the wayside

too must have counted with a the prospect of running against military man celebrated for a man who beats him comfortably in every theoretical matchup, and who would perforce have made inroads into the black vote, the most loyal Democratic constituency of all. Were Gen Powell to run as an independent, he would proba-bly split the anti-Clinton vote to the latter's advantage, just as Ross Perot did in 1992.

On the Republican side, Mr Dole, more obviously than ever, is now the favourite for the nomination. But the lesser fry also gain a fresh lease of life. With Gen Powell to reckon with as well, several candidates even now barely registering in the polls, like Senators Richard Lugar and Arlen Specter, might have had to throw in the towcl. As for the losers, they include national media thirsting for new faces to liven up what they judge a lacklustre Republican field, not to mention Powell backers and the millions of Americans who would have liked to see him run. That will be the challenge facing Mr Dole and the rest of his Republican rivals -- to prove to a sceptical public they are more than shopsoiled second best.

Democrats doldrums in state elections

Washington — The Republican political juggernaut has ground to a half, at least temporarily. as the party failed to make headway in Tuesday's off-year elections for state legislatures and governorships, even in the South, where the Democrats have shown signs of terminal demise, writes Rupert Corawell.

The Democrats' greatest cause for satisfaction came in Virginia where, despite an energetic and unstinting campaign by the state's energetic and popular Governor, George Allen, the Republicans did not seize control of the legislature in Richmond, capital of the old Confederacy. Had they done so, it would have been the first such sweep in a Southern state since the post-civil war Reconstruction. In the event, the Republicans could do no better than a 20-20 tie in the Virginia Senate. In the state's House of Representatives, the Democrats retained an unassailable 52-47 seat advantage.

More broadly, Tuesday brought new confirmation that the hard-edged Republican conservatism which now dominates Congress has less appeal at the grass roots. Paul Patton, the Democratic victor in the election for Governor of Kentucky, proclaimed after his narrow success on Tuesday that the result was "a no to Newt Gingrich and a no to cutting Medicare". The best news for Republicans came in Mississippi, where Kirk Fordice became the first Governor to win consecutive terms since the 1880s.

Some of the most interesting results were purely local. Gary. Indiana, a depressed industrial city on the shore of Lake Michigan which is 85 per cent black, elected a white mayor for the first time in 28 years. Willie Brown, the flamboyant former speaker of California's state legislature, faces a December run-off against the Republican incumbent. Frank Jordan, to determine the next mayor of San Francisco, Mr Brown, how-

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lames Baker. Former Reagan

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Dan Quayte. Vice President from 1989 to 1993, popular an the feligious right. Took himself out of consideration on 9 February 1995, and ing given every impression the had resolved to run. He said he took the decision to but family first and forgo the disruption of a third straight na-tional campaign". Poils suggested he had intile chance

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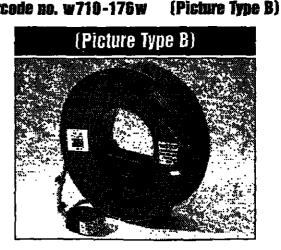
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Russians to serve with US troops in Bosnia force

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Russia and the United States vesterday announced a crucial breakthrough on the creation of a Balkans peace implementation force when they agreed a formula enabling Russian

troops to serve alongside Nato. Although the peace talks be-tween the main factions in former Yugoslavia continue in Dayton, Ohio, yesterday's deal in Brussels means an important hurdle has been surmounted.

The agreement allows Moscow to claim that Russian troops can serve in the force without coming directly under Nato command. The US has always viewed the participation of said: "General Joulwan wears Russian forces as essential for many hats." the credibility of the force, but has insisted that Nato maintain overall command so that US generals oversee all decisions. Without this, the deployment of US forces would never be acceptable to Congress.

As they announced the plan at Nato headquarters in Brussels. William Perry, the US Defense Secretary, and Pavel Grachev, his Russian counterpart, both appeared cheerful and confident that they had bridged an important gap.

This plan envisages unity of command but does not require Russian forces to be under Nato command," said Mr Perry. Our forces will participate but will not be under Nato command," added Mr Grachev.

Neither man would detail Nato has meant something imexactly how the military command formula would work, and both conceded that the highly sensitive question of political control remains to be solved.

The arrangement appears to involve a eleverly disguised climb-down by the Russians. A Russian brigade of more than 1,000 troops, will operate as part of an American division. The division itself will be part of the overall Nato-led force of about 60,000 troops, under the American General George Joulwan.

Nato Supreme Allied Com mander. However, the Russians in the American division will answer to General Joulwan in his role as US commander

and not as Nato commander. A

Russian, Colonel-General

Leonid Shevisov, will be second

in command. Both Mr Perry and Mr Grachev were challenged yes-terday to explain how the US-Russian division could be set outside the overall Nato command structure. Neither could answer satisfactorily. Mr Perry insisted the arrangement did not involve a "dual key" system like that which allowed both Nato and the UN a say in military de-cisions in Bosnia until July. He

A Nato official explained later: "It means the Russians take Nato orders but without Nato letterhead on the paper."

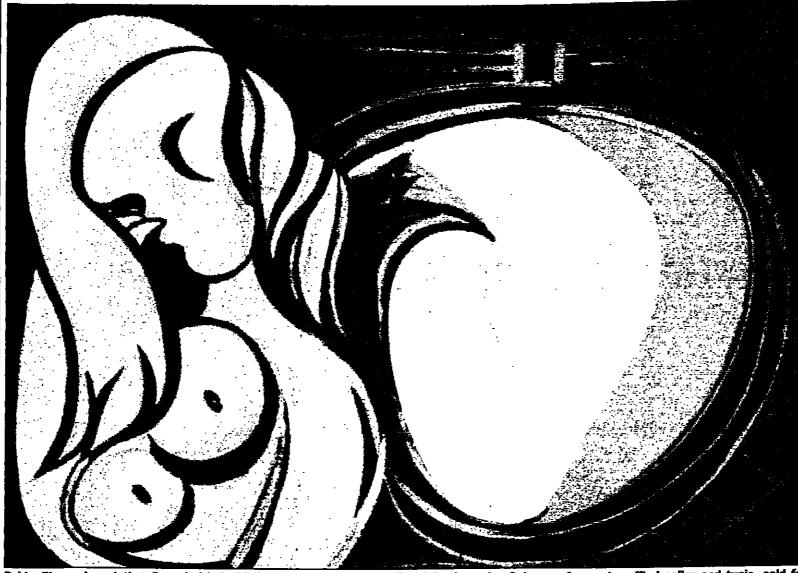
"The question of political control will be decided over the next few weeks," said Mr Perry. Mr Grachev seemed happy

that he would be able to self the agreement in Moscow, where there would have been outright opposition to anything which appeared to place Russian troops under direct control of their old Cold War enemy. Copenhagen — Uffe Elle-mann-Jensen, the Danish candidate for Nato's top job, said yesterday that his hat is still in the ring, writes Andrew Mar-

"It's a dream job because portant to me ever since my youth," said the former Danish foreign minister. He would not withdraw, he said, unless Nato settled firmly on another candidate.

Nato has yet to agree between Mr Ellemann-Jensen and Ruud Lubbers, former Dutch prime minister, the only two declared candidates. The US has signalled that it will not back Mr Lubbers but most EU countries including Britain, Germany and France are behind him.

Portrait of Picasso's mistress fetches \$20m at auction



Pablo Picasso's painting 'Le miroir' doubled Christie's estimates and sold for \$20m (£12.9m) on Tuesday night, the New York auction house said. 'Le miroir', a 1932 large canvas painting of Picasso's then mistress, Marie-Thérèse Walter, was one of 10 works by

the Spanish artist offered in the sale. Only one did not sell. Three of the four highest priced lots in the \$107m sale of impressionist and Modern paintings and sculpture were by Picasso. Another Picasso work, 'Garcon a la collerette', a rose period 1905 portrait of a

performer in ruffled collar and tunic, sold for \$12.1m - above its \$10m estimate. Picasso's 1911 'L'independant (Nature morte a l'eventail)' sold for \$7m. A portrait by Amedeo

Modigliani, 'Portrait de scuipteur Oscar Miestchaninoff', reached \$9.4m.

IN BRIEF

Newsman freed

Belgrade - Bosnian Serbs released an American reporter held captive for two weeks, saying it was a sign of goodwill towards peace negotiations un-der way in the US. David Rohde of the Christian Science Monitor was turned over to US embassy officials in Belgrade by Serbian security officials, who mediated the release. Mr Rohde said he was "very happy and very grateful to the out of Bosnia".

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Lamas decide

Peking — Tibetan lamas gathered in Peking for final rites to identify the reincarnation of their second holiest lama have three final candidates after a child announced by the Dalai Lama was eliminated. China has summoned about 75 senior lamas from the Himalayan region to Peking and they began a meeting on Sunday to complete final ceremonies in the search for the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama.

Sithole speaks out

Harare - The veteran Zimbabwean opposition leader, Ndabaningi Sithole, accused his arch-rival, President Robert Mugabe, of murdering hundreds of opponents before and after he won power 15 years ago. Senior government officials denied the allegations. Mr Sit-hole who heads the small opposition Zanu-Ndonga party, which broke away from Mr Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF 20 years ago, faces charges of plotting to assassinate the President and to overthrow his government.

Dam put on hold

Lisbon - Prehistoric engravings received government back-ing as Prime Minister Antonio Guterres of Portugal an-nounced a decision to put on hold the dam project threatening to submerge the carvings. The open-air rock drawings may date back as far as 20,000 years, but Mr Guterres said his government needs time to investigate their importance and value before deciding the future of the Foz Coa dam.

No nude shame

Athens - Greece's controversial first lady, Dimitra Papandreou, triggered a new political row after saying she felt no shame over nude pictures published of her sunbathing naked or frolicking with friends while topless, and she was considering running for office. Reuter

Berlusconi ally held on Mafia charges

in March 1994. Last week, the

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A senior Palermo politician connected to the former prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, was arrested on Mafia charges yesterday after prosecutors found evidence that he had helped one of Cosa Nostra's most notorious bosses to evade capture for more than four years.

Francesco Musotto, governor of the province of Paletmo, was accused of providing housing to Leoluca Bagarella and passing on confidential information

from the police. Mr Bagarella, who now faces prosecution for a string of high-profile murders, felt safe enough before his capture last June to drive around Palermo in his own car without Mr Musotto is the third

member of Mr Berlusconi's Forza Italia party to run into legal problems over links with organised crime in the past week, and his arrest looks set to revive accusations that Mr Berlusconi's organisation made a deal with the Mafia to help secure a lightning general election victory

head of the parliamentary commission on justice, Tiziana Maiolo, and the head of the parliamentary commission on culture, Vittorio Sgarbi, were formally accused of using the Calabrian underworld to get elected in exchange for political favours.

As members of parliament, both are immune from arrest for

Berlusconi, referring directly to these latest cases, appealed to the head of state to ensure that

are not subverted by partisan politics" and accused the country's magistrates of being in cahoots with the left. Mr Berlusconi has been

building up his attacks on the judiciary ahead of his own trial, due to start in January, on corruption charges related to his Fininvest business empire. This week magistrates also formally equested the trial of the head Yesterday, an alarmed Mr of Fininvest's advertising company, Marcello Dell'Utri, on charges of building up illegal

Mr Berlusconi may find that the Mafia-related cases are a minefield he should steer well clear of. During his sevenmonth tenure as prime minister, he was repeatedly accused of accepting Mafia votes that had previously gone to the Christian Democrat and Socialist parties, and of bringing the parliamentary anti-Mafia effort to a halt. Last January taps on the phone of a mafioso businessman, Pino Mandalari, suggested Mafia links with both Forza Italia and its far-right ally, the National Alliance.

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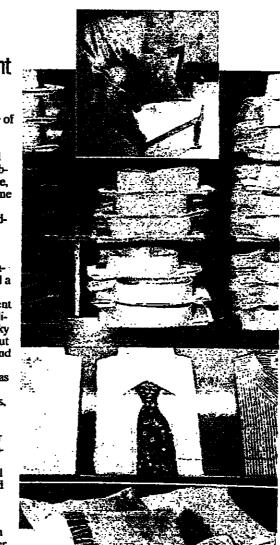


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TONY BARBER **Europe Editor**

The German and French governments attempted yesterday to put European monetary union back on track and remove doubts created by political disputes in Germany and economic uncertainty in France. Chancellor Helmut Kohl told the German parliament that French participation was essential to the creation of a sinle currency, which was "not a Kohi game but a central pillar

of German policy President Jacques Chirac, addressing the new French government appointed on Tuesday. underlined his reversal of economic priorities by promising a determined assault on the state budget deficit.

France needs to reduce the deficit to 3 per cent of gross domestic product to qualify for the



Helmut Kohl addressing parliament yesterday

European Union's planned launch of a single currency in 1999, but until two weeks ago Mr Chirac was laying more emphasis on the fight against unemployment.

This contributed to instability in the franc as bankers questioned his commitment to spending cuts and hence to the 1999 single currency target date. Mr Chirac's switch of economic course, given dramatic expression by the reshaping of his gov-erument this week after only six months in office, followed a decisive meeting with Mr Kohl in

necessary to pledge themselves nomic straitjacket placed on out in the Maastricht treaty, to timetable and Germany's prevent the delay or even rigorous attitudes.

collapse of the single currency project. Mr Kohl, though personally committed to monetary union, has trouble on two fronts, with German public opinion sceptical about giving up the mark and the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) threatening to make the single currency a campaign issue in the next national elections in 1998.

The SPD may pass a motion at its conference next week demanding tighter financial dis-cipline than foreseen in Maastricht from countries hoping to oin a single currency. SPD leaders have suggested monetary union should be delayed beyond 1999 rather than go ahead if the economic health of some countries remains in doubt.

Such declarations are aimed Germans worried that an all-European currency will prove weaker than the mark, but they go down badly with the European Commission and certain EU governments opposed to any tinkering with Maastricht. For example, Belgium feels it should join the single currency in 1999 because, even if its public debt is unlikely to fall in time to the required level of 60 per cent of GDP, there is a loophole in Maastricht that lets in a country if its debt or budget deficit is deemed to be heading in the right downward direction.

By drawing attention to such escape clauses, the SPD seeks to imply that Mr Kohl's government lacks the determination to protect German prosperity by insisting on European financial rectitude. Mr Kohl will not want to be seen as less firm than the SPD over which countries enter the single currency.

However, this raises problems for EU members such as Italy and Spain, which are not seen in Germany as serious candidates for monetary union in 1999 but which, at least publicly, have yet to reach that humiliating conclusion themselves. As for Mr Chirac. forced to water down his election promise of slashing unemployment, now 11.4 per cent, it remains to be seen how The two leaders felt it patiently he will wear the ecoCult of de Gaulle: French return wartime leader to mainstream on 25th anniversary of his death



Overshadowed: French President Jacques Chirac constantly referred to De Gaulle in campaign speeches and has sought to invoke the General's 'certain idea of France'

Nation revives modest memory of Le Général

MARY DEJEVSKY Paris

This evening 800 soldiers, carrving torches, will parade before the golden dome of Les Invalides in Paris, forming up into a giant cross of Lorraine, the symbol of the French Resistance. This ceremony, too reminiscent for some of the torchlit extravaganzas of Hitler and Mussolini and derided by many younger French people as the sort of showy overcompensation for recent history that does France no credit, is how one part of the French army has chosen to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the death of Charles de Gaulle.

There will be other events: the now traditional memorial masses - two of them - in the small stone church at Colombey-les-deux-Eglises; the Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, leading a government and RPR (Gaullist) party delegation to the resting place of the party's founder south-east of Paris.

Jacques Chirac has not yet announced his participation, but he, too, may yet make the journey to Colombey.

De Gaulle has returned to the French mainstream. "It took François Mitterrand for us to rediscover Charles de Gaulle," wrote the French political philosopher, Andrei Glucksmann, shortly before this year's French presidential election. His book, De Gaulle, where are you?, was a plea less for the revival of "Gaullism" than for the revival of de

The directness of the title was arresting, even shocking, and the argument impassioned. De Gaulle, Glucksmann argued, was not a conformist, he was a revolutionary; it was by swimming against the tide, being true to himself and true to France. daring to project grand ideas he distinguished himself.

With the election of Jacques Chirac, whose every election speech contained references to de Gaulle, French voters reclaimed a part of their heritage. After 14 years of Mitterrand's internationalism, France's younger generation in particular seemed interested in their Frenchness, and that meant - in part - Le Général.

Since the election six months ago, much has been said and written about the return of "Gaullism". There was the preoccupation with national sovereignty, dignity and world status that may have lain at the root of the President's decision to resume nuclear testing. There was the willingness to defy the world that was implicit in the decision and in Mr

'Gaullism' has slipped to be replaced by the tall figure of the general himself

Chirac's reaction to protests. There was the idealistic one-nationism that encouraged Mr Chirac to believe that he could, and should, heal what he saw as growing social divisions in France - and that voters would be prepared to pick up the bill. And there was the underlying idea that all this was for the sake of a "certain idea of France" the phrase of de Gaulle's so often quoted by Mr Chirac - that linked foreign and domestic policy into a supposedly co-

herent whole As the 25th anniversary of de Gaulle's death approached, however, that conventional but often mobile and elusive for France and the world, that the background, to be replaced France today as they say about

al himself: dignified patriot, traditional paterfamilias, a countryman at heart who saw power as a duty, not an opporiunity. In a recent opinion poll 57 per cent of those asked said they thought Gaullism was an outdated concept; 55 per cent, however, regarded de Gaulle himself as a positive figure.

Returning to Colombey-les deux-Eglises, and the de Gaulles' country house, the Boisserie, French writers have remarked on the smallness, the modesty, the ascetism of the general. This is a corner, one said, of the "eternal France". De Gaulle would not return to power without being "recalled". When he had his house rebuilt after the war, he added a turret in brick, not local stone, "to save money", and disguised the difference with a creeper.

At home, he would drink only one glass of wine with dinner; an aperitif and digestif on Sundays. Mme de Gaulle did her shopping in the local town, Bar-sur-Aube, and the de Gaulles spent the evenings quietly, he writing his memoirs, she reading or knitting.

When he died suddenly on November 1970, Mme de Gaulle insisted that their son, Philippe, publish his will at once to ensure that the funeral took place at Colombey, and did not become a state occasion in Paris. When Philippe arrived from his naval command at Brest the family assembled for dinner. According to Philippe, now a retired admiral, his mother motioned to him to sit in his father's place. "That was continuity," he remarks.

Few know now how far these images – of modesty, austerity, dignity and family - correspond to the real de Gauila, but they are the images France seems to want on this anniversary. And they say as much about what the by the tall figure of the gener- General de Gaulle.





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Israel's anguish: As wave of recrimination continues, police arrest third suspect and head of PM's bodyguard is suspended

Rabin's chief of security quits over lapses

PATRICK COCKBURN and ERIC SILVER

The head of Israel's secret police unit in charge of guarding the country's leaders resigned vesterday as a government inquiry revealed serious failures in security which allowed an assassin to kill Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, last Saturday.

Police arrested but did not name a third man suspected of involvement in the assassination, Yigal Amir, who has confessed to the killing, said he acted alone, but police have also detained his brother, Hagai. who admits to making the dumdum bullets that killed Rabin.

The chief of Rabin's bodyguard has been suspended and two other officials of the Shin Bet security agency have been transferred. A preliminary inquiry said the hodyguards may have been indoctrinated to look for an attack from an Arab and not a Jew, and that Shin Bet's database of possible assailants was too small

Shimon Peres, the acting Prime Minister, ordered an inquiry into the assassination esterday after hearing a report by the head of the Shin Bet, who is codenamed Kaf. It focuses on the enormous breach of security that enabled Amir to fire at Rabin from less than five feet. despite the Prime Minister's 20 bodyguards.

Further assassinations are



"There is a serious danger of a grave disruption of the rule of order, up to the point of another

So far there is little sign of a clampdown on groups like the outlawed and strongly racist Kahane Chai. In its stronghold political murder," said Michael Ben-Yair, the Attorney-Generof Kfar Tapuah, near Hebron, al. He is reported to be exampictures show Rabin and Mr Peres dangling from a gallows beneath the inscription: "Yigal ining whether Jewish extremists can be disarmed, detained with-Amir lives." According to reout charge, tried in military courts and have their moveports, police went to the homes of Kahane Chai members only

David Libai, the Justice Minister, stormed out of a cabinet meeting yesterday when a colleague criticised him for failing to act against extremists.

Israeli commentators point out that Rabin's assassination is only the latest in a series of political killings by the radical right, which started with bomb act now, just as they did after Baruch Goldstein killed 29 people in Hebron last year," one observer said. He added that the government had done nothing this summer when rabbis at religious colleges called on soldiers studying there to disobey orders to evacuate positions on the West Bank on the

ernment does not want a confrontation with the religious parties, some of which it hopes to attract into the government.

Although Israeli law hars a reshuffle during a caretaker

government, ministers are jockeying for the vacant defence and foreign affairs portfolios. Competition will come into the open once the period of mournPresident Ezer Weizman is expected to invite Mr Peres to

form a government next week. Ehud Barak, a former armed forces commander who joined Rabin's cabinet as Interior Minister in July, has emerged as the leading candidate for defence. a portfolio also held by Rabin. Mr Peres has already asked him to keep an unofficial eye on the

Despite his lack of political experience, the 53-year-old former general is a logical choice. Within the Labour, propeace spectrum, he is seen as a hawk. He registered reservations in September when the cabinet debated the terms for Israel's second-stage withdrawal from West Bank Arab towns.

Like Rabin, Mr Peres needs to satisfy centrist opinion that he is not asking Israelis to take undue risks for peace with the Palestinians. Mr Barak, Israel's most decorated soldier, would fill the Rabin role of a cautious old army man reining in the impatient, visionary Mr Peres and his young diplomats.

Officials emphasise, however, that the new leader's options remain open. The Defence Ministry holds the key to continuation of the peace process, because it is the army which is implementing the redeployment and tending to the security of more than 100,000 Jewish settlers living alongside self-governing Palestinians. Some commentators suggest that Mr Peres may, therefore, keep the defence portfolio.

Mr Peres has to weigh similar considerations in choosing his successor as foreign minister. His natural choice would be his protégé, the Economics Minister, Yossi Beilin, who as Deputy Foreign Minister was an architect of the Oslo breakthrough with the PLO two years ago. Another possible candidate is a former health minister,

possible, a senior government of Kahane Chai members only attacks on Palestinian mayors in grounds that this would be official warned yesterday. The government of Kahane Chai members only attacks on Palestinian mayors in the 1970s. "They are failing to against God's law". The government of Kahane Chai members only attacks on Palestinian mayors in the 1970s. "They are failing to against God's law". The government of the palestinian suspects. Lure of peace fails to shake Syria's resolve over Golan

MICHAEL SHERIDAN Damascus

"Steadfast Syria" it once entitled itself: a front-line Arab Socialist state allied to Moscow and committed to confrontation with Israel, a regime so tough that its foundation in the military and the security services excluded even the language of compromise.

Today the language of Syria's officially controlled press is moderate. "The only way to let the bitter bygones be bygones with Israel is through a fair and universal peace," wrote the

The Middle East after Rabin

Ba'ath party daily after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Another paper, Tishrin, observed hopefully that "the writing is on the wall for the radical Israeli right", which it blamed for stalling talks with Syria.

Times have changed even in Damascus, the citadel of "rejectionism", but change has been slow. For example, the Syrians sent a message to Israel after the death of Rabin. "But there was not the touch of

human warmth in it that we were looking for," said Itamar Rabinovitch, Israel's ambassador to Washington and chief negotiator with Syria. Yesterday the Syrian For-

eign Minister, Farouq al-Sharaa, told the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, that his country still believed in a negotiated peace. Mr Rifkind. the first Western emissary to visit Damascus since Rabin's assassination, then met President Hafez al-Assad, who repeated the message that Syria has made "the strategic choice for peace"

But in Syria, strategy is never confused with emotion. There will never be laurel wreaths and poetry between Syrians and

Syria's "strategic choice" has been implemented by tactics so inflexible that negotiators have

President Assad last year took the bold decision to authorise direct talks between the Syrian chief of staff, General Hikmet Shehabi, and his then Israeli counterpart, Ehud Barak. But subsequent discussions foundered last June. Now Mr Barak is likely to be Defence

government, and his security credentials may be just what the acting Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, needs to push the talks forward again. The Syrians will be looking for evidence that Israel is serious.

For President Assad, these are the imperatives of survival. Robbed of his Soviet ally and isolated since the 1991 Gulf war. he has spoken of "a peace of the brave, inviting his 14 million people to prepare for the day when the state of war with Israel, in place since 1948. comes to an end.

The negotiations between Israel and Syria stalled partly because President Assad and Rabin were cautious military men, obsessed with details of security. Neither trusted the other. Each sought the maximum advantage at the negotiating table, Rabin to preserve his battlefield gains, and Mr Assad

to regain what he had lost. In 1967 Rabin was Israel's chief of staff for the campaign in which Mr Assad, then Syria's Defence Minister, lost the Golan Heights. This narrow strip of rugged land blocks the approaches to Damascus.

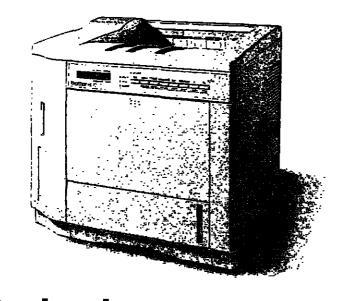
In 1973 Mr Assad, by then President, went to war again and was fought to a standstill on the Golan. Henry Kissinger negotiated a disengagement agreement which has lasted 23 years.

The recovery of the Golan is more than a national aspiration. It is an objective by which President Assad proposes to legitimise his broad "progressive" coalition, dominated by his mi-

nority Alawite Muslim sect. The Syrian dictatorship is low-key. Huge portraits of the President stare benignly from billboards in the dusty, bustling souks of Damascus, but Mr

Assad has never indulged in a personality cult like that of Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Yet he is so wedded to the

doctrine of national sovereignty that the issues on the Golan will require creative genius to overcome his objections. One obstacle is whether there should be manned early warning stations on the heights after an Israeli withdrawal. There is disagreement over demilitarisation on either side and on the boundaries, with Israel insisting on the 1967 border, while Syria preters the 1923 British mandate border.



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Commonwealth summit: Playwright's son blames British hypocrisy

Fury as Nigeria confirms death sentence on writer

STEVE CRAWSHAW Auckland

Defying last-minute clemency pleas here. Nigeria's military regime yesterday put itself on a collision course with the Coma consistence will the Con-monwealth by confirming death sentences on the playwright Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other

The decision is likely to lead to renewed calls to suspend Nigeria from the Commonwealth when the heads of government begin their conference tomorrow.

Ken Wiwa, the playwright's son, who is in New Zealand to publicise his father's plight. said the Prime Minister, Jim Bolger, had promised during a meeting that he would raise the case at the summit.

The death sentences arise from the murders of four progovernment leaders in Ogoni-

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Nobel Prize-winning Nigerian

writer. Wole Soyinka, attacked Britain for its failure to speak up.
"I gave up on the British early on. They're pursuing an ac-commodation with Abacha [Nigeria's military leader] - and looking for excuses to do noth-ing," said Mr Soyinka, who arrived in Auckland yesterday just ahead of John Major.

He accused the British Government of hypocrisy over its softly-softly response to abuses of human rights by the Nigerian regime: "Britain claims to believe in democracy. In that case it should live by its declared beliefs." According to Mr Soyinka there are three reasons for British reticence: "Business, business, business, business." But he believed that "Britain can be shamed into action."

Of General Sani Abacha and his military regime, he warned: This demented despot will continue to throw more poisoned bait at us." Nobody should be "seduced into forgetting" the lack of legitimacy of the regime. General Abacha was ready to "kill, torture and humiliate", he said, "Appeasement went out of business with Neville Chamberlain. You do not compromise with evil,"

Mr Wiwa told the Independent: "I'm sanguine enough these days to know that whatever the regime's record, they [the British] will balance that against commercial interests."

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative recently published a damning report on Nigeria, Stolen by Generals, after a fact-finding mission earlier this year. led by the former Canadian foreign minister, Flo-ra MacDonald. But after an early flurry of interest, Britain has not seemed eager to pursue the matter of Nigerian breaches of human rights. The 26-year-old Mr Wiwa, who is British-educated, holds a British passport, and lives in London, has not been contacted by the Foreign Office, nor has he sought to contact them. "Their body language didn't suggest that they

were ready to help out," he said. Britain is not the only country which seems eager to softpedal on Nigeria. President Nelson Mandela has also avoided outspoken criticism of the Nigerian regime.

Mr Soyinka suggested that Mr Mandela was misguided in failing to criticise a "brother African government". He acknowledged the gratitude felt by South Africa's new leaders for the part Nigeria played in the battle against apartheid.

But he warned Mr Mandela against "expressing gratitude through silence over criminality". Mr Soyinka argued: "Our [Nigerian] sympathies were di-rected towards the South African people. We demand the

Mr Major arrived in Auck-land last night for talks with Mr Bolger. Nigeria will be less on his mind than nuclear testing. Britain's support for French Nuclear tests in the Pacific has nuclear tests in the Pacific has outraged public opinion in New Zealand, and seems likely to leave Britain in a minority of one among the 52 Common-wealth countries. A raily, called "Major Outrage", is to be held in the centre of Auckland today, and will be addressed by politi-



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The last time this happened it was John Smith and Labour's arms-length Borrie Commission on Social Justice. This time it is Chris Smith who is charged with the task by

The word from senior Labour ranks is that Borrie was good on analysis, less good on prescription. Smith will look again at everything - from the string of proposals spawned by half a dozen inquiries including Borrie and Dahrendorf to Rowntree and Carnegie, to much more radical "Big Bang" solutions such as citizen's income or Frank Field's ideas for re-inventing social insurance.

Smith, 44, a former Treasury and environment spokesman, is one of Labour's brightest and best. He arrives with the immense advantage and major handicap of little detailed knowledge of social security – an open mind, free of preconceptions. He was in the same position in his last post when he took on Labour's need for an information superhighway policy, a task Blair's office believes he performed well.

He comes with Tony Blair's soundbites on social security already in place - "a hand-up not a hand-out", a big benefits bill is "a sign of failure, not of success" and responsibilities matter as much as rights. In addition, there is the boastful claim that Labour is the only party able to radically reform the welfare state because the electorate trusts Labour with it in a way that it does not trust the Torics. What is missing is a convincing set of principles and policies.

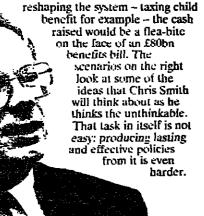
Smith arrives with the problems well understood. High and persistent unemployment has undermined the social security system. The number of lone parents has rocketed and most do not work. Many more women work, but are in part-time jobs that have little long-term provision for pensions and other benefits. Many more men are out of the workforce by their fifties, let alone early sixties. Existing means tests tend to trap people on benefit. And the population is ageing. Unless pension and long-term care are to be left for the next generation to provide, those now in work will have to pay twice: once to fund the current generation of pensioners and beneficiaries, and once to

build up funds for their own retirement and long-term care. If the problems are clear, the solutions are far less simple, as Peter Lilley would testify. If any of this were easy, it would have been done by now.

Smith is hampered by Labour's terror of announcing anything that could be seen to increase taxes. Labour's plans for benefits-into-work and improved training may help reduce unemployment in the long term, but will cost money in the short term.

And a wide range of issues needs to be addressed on fronts far broader than just social security. Reducing the numbers of young single parents, for example, will be as much about education, training, contraception and work opportunities as about benefits. And deciding how Labour should fund long-term care requires decisions about what the NHS should provide.

Smith is also likely to learn, as every social security minister before him has, that radical reform within the existing budget is impossible without creating large numbers of highly vociferous losers and that where Labour does have ideas for



Scenario One: Social insurance

Most radical version comes from Frank Field in

which benefits would come from funded

non-government corporations, providing

welfare payments and pensions respectively.

Employers and employees would contribute

compulsorily and they, not the Government,

would be limited to paying in contributions for

the lowest paid and those outside work, with a

would run the system. Government's role

pay-as-you-go tax and national insurance

contributions.

veto over contribution rates.

Claimed advantages:

schemes run or overseen by two new

Mode: Big Bang

Description:

Scenario Two: Citizen's income

Mode: Big Bang

Description: In its purest form, tax and benefits would be

merged. Every man, woman and child would be paid a tax-free basic income by the state, financed by a tax on all, or almost all, other income. Payments would vary by age - the elderly would get more than adults, who would get more than children. Most existing benefits, national insurance payments and all tax reliefs would be abolished. And once paid the basic income, individuals would, in the main, be on their own, able to take work if they wanted it.

Claimed advantages: Would hugely simplify the tax and benefit

The National Insurance Corporation would pay system, slashing administrative costs. The existing plethora of means tests would disappear, out unemployment and other benefits as of right, without a means test, while the Private Pensions Corporation would handle individual along with the poverty and unemployment traps personal pension accounts. The corporations, and, in theory, much of the black economy. rather than being monopoly monoliths, could Individuals could afford to take work at very low provide the back-up to a wide range of wages, producing a very flexible labour market. providers - from new-style friendly societies, The need to look after yourself would the private sector, new mutuals or even funds dramatically encourage saving for self-provision run by unions. Should massively reduce above the basic income. Versions of the idea reliance on means-tested benefits. Would were explored in detail in government by Labour in the Spaces and the Conservatives in the boost saving and investment, discourage the black economy and, Field believes, encourage work and honesty. Would provide investment funds to pay out benefits in place of

Disadvantages: Not one single idea, but a whole Heinz 57 No costings available, and details still hazy. Field hopes to raise charitable cash to get the varieties of different schemes, variously label Government Actuary to cost his ideas. Not citizen's income, basic income, negative intended to save money. Might not require income tax, tax credits. If the basic income Super-high levels of government taxation, but provided enough to survive on, critics argue it would require high levels of compulsory would require enormously high rates of tax on those who work - 70 per cent or more; contribution to the funds by those in work - in effect, a tax by another name. In addition, the therefore many might choose not to work. Government would be paying in for future Despite its seductive simplicity, other benefits benefits for the sick, disabled and would still be required, for example for housing unemployed, while still raising taxes to pay and for the disabled. Backers argue it could be introduced in stages and for particular groups benefits to existing claimants. an approach that loses the attractions and savings of simplicity. The existing child benefit is

Field is the chief advocate and designer, but Tony Blair has taken an interest. Something on loosely similar lines operates in Singapore, while Australia has developed private sector-run super funds for pensions. That scheme has provided short term and funds to pay out pensions in the longer term. Field, with four members of the Commons social security committee, including Malcolm Wicks, Blair's latest appointment to his social security team, are currently on a trip to Singapore and Australia to examine them.

Against, in the short term. Would be a 10 to 20-year programme to take full effect. Would require a degree of cross-party consensus to take effect. Enormous transitional problems.

Many eminent academics and some politicians from across the political spectrum. Supporters of at least some version of the idea range from Alan Duncan, the right-wing Tory MP who believes in an almost non-existent state, to Meghnad Desai, the Labour peer who is an LSE economics professor. Others include Samuel Britten of the Financial Times, the Oxford political economist Tony Atkinson, the Liberal Democrat peers Baroness Seear and Lord Dahrendorf, and Professor David Marguand. former SDP luminary now back with Labour.

Heavity against a full citizen's income because

emerge. The Irish government currently has a

working group examining the idea and there is

of the massive organisational and cultural

change required. But partial schemes may

some EU work on it.

a citizen's income for children. And Labour's

a form of citizen's income for pensioners.

idea of a minimum pension guarantee would be

The lines down which Labour is most likely to go if it gets the chance. Pragnatic, likely to be achievable than the big bangs.

evolutionary, far from uncontroversial, but more

Scenario Three:

Painful evolution

The approach that has informed a string of

reports including Labour's Borrie commission

the Liberal Democrats' Dahrendorf report and

the independent Joseph Rowntree inquiry. All

Often an attempt to mix and match from the

best of the Thatcher years while rebuilding the social solidarity that Thatcher and Major are

claimed to have undermined or destroyed.

Diverse and vaned recommendations, but a

broad acceptance of private-sector involvement

in pensions and the attractions of funded, rathe

calls for paying benefits to help people into work

rather than keep them out of it. Some common

minimum wage. Heavy emphasis on education

between them on degree of compulsion - eg to

accounts" or undertake work and/or training in

All produce proposals, often not fully costed,

that would increase taxes and contributions

certainly in short term. Many remain bright

ideas that require the resources of being in

government to work out and cost. Despite

Influential figures in Labour and Liberal

an end to widening inequality.

Democrat ranks and among "the great and

good" who have sat on the various inquiries

want a more inclusive society and, at the least,

much common ground, still wide differences

and training. Some recommendations would

proposal to tax child benefit. Big differences

ground there with the Government, but deep

divisions over whether that would need a

make benefits more selective - eg Borne

take second pension, pay into "learning

Disadvantages:

on individual policy.

than pay-as-you-go, schemes. Some common

ground with Frank Field's ideas. Widespread

go much vader than social security.

Claimed advantages:

Mode: Evolutionary

Description:

Backers:

The Government

100 per cent - it is happening now

Diary

So this is how rumours start. A young interviewer from the BBC was scheduled to interrogate Timothy West the other day. As part of his initial scheduled to interrogate 1 mounty west the other day. As part of his initial research he conscientiously checked the BBC's obituary files to make sure he had all the relevant data on West in the right order. At the end of the entry for West, T. he read the tragic line "West was married to the actress Prunella Scales". And armed with this sorry intelligence, he ventured forth to talk to the great man. "I'm sorry to hear," he said to West right at the start of the great man. "I m sorry to near. he same to wife." There was a bit of a silence. interview. "that you've split up with your wife." The sorry to hear it too." said West. "I thought she was upstairs in the bath...."

Those of us who had the sense to bung a tenner on Pat Barker winning the Booker when the odds were still 7/1 could be allowed a smug smile on Tuesday night, when they handed her the prize at the Guildhall. Otherwise it was a rather unsettling

On arriving - I'd been invited to evening. join the Viking table, with Ms Barker and her publishers - I was told I couldn't sit with them after all, because you've been told the winner and the Booker people are afraid you might, you know, gossip" (who, me?). Then there was the invasion of the Paparazzi shortly before the

announcement of the prize at 9pm. Across the acreage of tables groaning with puddings, ports and Corona cigars, the tuxedoed clan of metropolitan bookmen blinked with surprise at the hurly-burly of lensmen, standing around like flying pickets in their anoraks and donkey jackets. Imagine the sansculottes interrupting supper at the Palace of Versailles and you have the general idea. They were there to photograph the winning author in all his or her glory; but you could tell they were all hoping to photograph the moment Salman Rushdie, stepping up to receive the prize, stopped a bullet. When it was clear that this was no longer a likelihood, they melted away into the night, cursing softly.

The audience stuck around to cheer Sir Michael Caine. Booker ple's genial chairman, who is standing down as ringmaster of the prize after 17 years, and whose legendary

stammer, like a hattered Morris Oxford refusing to start on a February morning, has become more pronounced every year. Then the literati split into five taxi-borne platoons heading for the shortlistees' private parties.

At the Savoy, I met the chap with the task of flogging the film rights of The Ghost Road, with its memorable double-act of the posh Edinburgh psychiatrist, Rivers, and the bisexual working-class officer, Billy Prior. "Linus Roache, the guy from Priest, to play Billy, I think," said he, "and we'll try Alan Rickman for Rivers." Did the author agree? "No, no, no, Sean Connery to play Rivers," said Pat Barker firmly, "and one of the McGann boys to play Billy'



Bottomley by name, er, read on

Barker was a popular choice, give or take a few complaints from Rushdie fans, but the only authentic voice of

bliss came at the Guildhall during the pee-break. Returning to my table. I met a breathless senior publishing executive, clutching her bijonteria Just been to the ladies," she confided. 'God, the excitement of having one's seat warmed by the Secretary of State for National Heritage...."

Thanks to Michael Cockerell, the documentary maker, we shall all be better informed, come Saturday night, on the gripping subject of Enoch Powell's sex life. Odd Man Out, Cockerell's "intimate film portrait" of the great man, offers umpteen revelations about Powell's lost love (the Sunday papers leapt at that one), his attitude to female scholars, his erotic poetry and desperate desire to have a son (in each of his wife's pregnancies. Enoch prematurely christened the foctus "David Enoch Powell" and put its name down for Eton); he was disappointed to find that each baby would answer more

readily to a name like Susan. But the oddest detail to emerge from the programme is the biblically browed classicist's chronic hydrophobia. Powell, it seems, simply cannot stand water. He hates the stuff. Swimming, bathing, hosepipes, rain - yeech. Above all, he hates his hair being washed. Pamela, his longsuffering wife, reveals how she used to wash his hair for him and how his agonising screams used to bring his daughters from their rooms to stand outside the bathroom door, listening

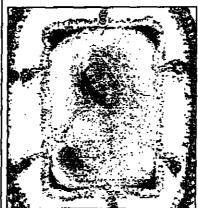
to their traumatised Papa. "I would be on the ground floor," recalls Susan Day (née Powell), "and the noise, the objections, reverberated down the pipes and ran down the outside of the house as he was being given his weekly hair wash." Hence the famous "rivers of Timotei" speech.

Christmas cards are under attack from Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, who pronounces himself appalled at the tiny amounts charities derive from the sale of cards, it used to be as low as 5p in the quid; now it's down (in the case of the Friends of the Earth cards) to 3p. Which makes me wonder what will become of the cards

on sale today at Atrium, the bookshop in Cork Street in the depths of London's artland.

To celebrate its third birthday, it is launching a range of cards designed by a hundred of the shop's favourite artists - Bridget Riley, Terry Frost, the war artist John Keane. Sir Anthony Caro, Andrew Logan, John Hoyland, you get the picture. The cards, which are one-off works of art, will cost anything from £25 to about £2,000, depending on what dealers would normally charge (the twogrand pièce de résistance is by David

Bowie) will be sold to help the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust. How much will the charity get? They get the lot," says an Atrium voice. "Buyers will make the cheque out directly to the trust. We don't make a cent, and nor do the artists. Even the paper is donated." Such altruism is to be marvelled at. So go along to 5 Cork Street today and buy one. Here, to encourage you, is a design by the brilliant Michael Clark, a Virgin and Child surrounded by upholstery pins. A snip at £800 and think how nice it will look beside the flame-effect Yule log.



Real charity: £800 Christmas card

i knew that violence in American society was spreading to previously uncharted areas, but this is getting serious. A joke doing the rounds in Pennsylvania runs as follows: What goes 'Clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop. clip-clop, hang-bang, clip-clop, clipclop, clip-clop"? You've guessed - it's an Amish drive-by shooting.



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No interest in a cut

Only pre-election sweetener the lucky British electorate is about to be offered. If vesterday's Bank of England's inflation report is taken at face value, inflationary dangers appear to be receding. So expect Tory activists to argue that if tax cuts are not enough to win round a sceptical electorate, Ken Clarke could always bring interest rates down, too. They must be resisted. Their desire for a feel-good boom runs contrary to the economic analysis buried deep within the Bank of England's report and, if acted upon, would seriously jeopardise the low-inflationary recovery Britain has so far managed to achieve.

The trouble is that it is not just the politicians who want relief - economic voices for interest rate cuts are growing, too. The majority of the Treasury wise men believe interest rates could be cut a little in the next few months without too much risk for inflation. After all, wages are still growing surprisingly slowly and companies have such large stockpiles that they may temporarily slow down production.

If not explicitly endorsing these views, the Bank of England appears at first view to have dropped its fierce opposition. We have heard no more from Eddie George about interest rate rises since his embar-rassing defeat at the Chancellor's hands in June. And in this latest report the Bank has backed off its previous claim that its own inflation forecast was more likely to be an underestimate than an overestimate.

So what is our problem? Business and homeowners would appreciate a cut. Everyone's in favour - let's do it. Er, no actually, says the Bank of England. Bruised by Barings and afraid of the uncharted territory in which Governor

T Justistainable tax cuts may not be the and Chancellor consistently disagree, the Bank may appear cautious about coming to too many strong public conclusions. But the balance of its analysis - as well as evidence from elsewhere - reveals that outting interest rates would be an extremely foolish strategy right now. Like most City analysts, the Bank still believes inflation will be higher than the Government's 2.5 per cent target in two years' time.

But it is its analysis of the labour market which makes most sober reading. The Bank is worried that wages will start to spiral upwards, and points out several reasons why the current slow growth in earnings may not be sustained. Up to now the growth in part-time work has helped to depress wages. With low hourly and weekly carnings, part-time workers have kept average wages down. But part-time work cannot keep on growing indefinitely. And the Bank also fears that the current climate of caution about wage increases is fragile; a few high pay settlements could produce a sudden clamour for more. The experience of the Eighties suggests that skills shortages will start squeezing in the next year or so. If these fears prove grounded, an inflationary wage spiral could be right around the corner, in which case an early cut in interest rates would risk fuelling

demand and pushing prices up, too.
All of which, unfortunately, means the Chancellor must proceed with caution. In the past few weeks the Government has been blown hither and yon by electoral winds over Nolan, divorce and domestic violence. Yet the one claim John Major's government can make since 1992 is to have kept inflation under control as the recovery rolled on. Now is not the time for it to lose its nerve.

Elizabeth and Tony head west

Moving palaces can be such a pain. Yet the Court is apparently awash with rumours that this is precisely what Her Majesty the Queen plans to do. Buckingham Palace - it seems - has lost its lustre. It is situated on a busy road junction, suffers from noisy parties full of riff-raff being held in its gardens practically every weekend and is highly inconvenient for

Worse, it doesn't look the part - there are no romantic battlements, winding stairs, or ancient towers. Eugenie, Beatrice and the other little princesses have been reared on Disney's Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty videos and expect grandma's residence to be a bit more, well .. castley. So goodbye St James's, hello Windsor. Like Queen Victoria, the second Elizabeth will from now on live in a

proper palace. Coincidentally, similar stories have been circulating around the offices of the Queen's loval leader of the Opposition. The Booth-Blairs need to move to a house where Tony's study is more than a broom cupboard off the hall and which possesses a garden better able to host summer convocations of spin-doctors and their patients than the present tiny patio in Islington. Farewell then the People's Republic of North London, benvenuto Notting Hill.

Fortunately, neither of these two exalted families is so grand that it will disdain advice proffered in a friendly spirit. They know that after bereavement and divorce, moving home is the most stressful experience that people endure narrowly beating election defeats and abdication crises.

So here are some helpful, humble tips that may make the transition a little less traumatic. First, don't feel that you have to take it all with you. Those old portraits of long-dead ancestors, that stuffed corgi, the children's milk-teeth in a ring-case, the stack of proclamations propping up one leg of a writing bureau - leave them behind. The same goes for you, your

Second, draw up a list of people who need to know that you have moved: BT. the Post Office, Gas Board, the milkman and Special Branch. Don't forget to have your post, all paparazzi and Peter Mandelson redirected, to prevent the new occupants of your property being unnecessarily annoved.

Third, make sure that you fit all the requisite security alarms and smoke detectors. Some old properties are notoriously prone to fire (especially in such areas as Notting Hill). It is all too easy to let your vigilance slacken amid the excitement.

But before doing any of this, just pause and ask yourself one last time whether you are making the right decision. Is a vast castle in huge grounds, close to England's top school, best suited to a lively pensioner? Or might she have more fun in a nice town house surrounded by citizens from all over her beloved Commonwealth? And would Windsor be so inappropriate to the growing needs of Britain's foremost politician? Surely something could be arranged.

ANOTHER VIEW Nicholas De Ville

Life beyond the drawing board

David Hockney, who has a show of his drawings opening this week at the Royal Academy in London, has been giving interviews to this newspaper and others attacking art schools for no longer requiring all of our students to learn the traditional crafts of drawing and painting. Superficially this is a plausible view; after all, as Hockney says, "if you are taught to draw, you are taught to see". And art is, in the widest sense, about image-making.

But a little reflection reveals how parochial and doctrinaire David Hockney's view really is. It depends on accepting that the kind of art he himself makes, which I would characterise as decorative and figurative, is the only appropriate art for our times. His type of art does demand an understanding of craft and of traditional life drawing, but that these skills should be mandatory for all art students is a very particular view that depends on Hockney's perception of himself. It is not what all artists need.

What many artists see is not necessarily straightforwardly visible. Hockney is concerned with the surface qualities of things, but a lot of contemporary art is concerned with other kinds of investigation. To see more deeply into the structure of things requires other kinds of resources, not simply of the eye but of the

mind, as well. Image-making still underpins the experience of going to an art school, but it draws on a much wider view of technique and means. If you look, for example, at

the Turner prize winners, you can see the diversity of means being used by contemporary artists - from abstract painting and video to photography and various sorts of installation. Contemporary art is not medium-specific. It no longer evokes the life room with the naked model and the traditional materials associated with that; it evokes alternative mediums, such as drawing with computers and drawing in space with a variety of sculptural materials.

All of this does not deny the continuing importance of certain strands of figurative arts, but it is up to students to decide if that is the direction in which they wish to go. In Hockney's day, art schools told students what they needed to learn; but today's students who have the desire and the dedication to be professional artists are asked to be responsible for themselves. Such schools as Goldsmiths' can provide instruction in the traditional crafts and skills for those who feel that is what they need; but for many students putting life drawing into a wider category of image-making has proved to be much

more fruitful. After all, several generations of artists have said that what was of least relevance and value to them in their student days was enforced life drawing. Now they are teachers themselves, they want to base their methods on their own experience.

The writer is head of visual arts at Gold-

smiths' College, London.

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- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Trouble with foxes and the blood sports lobby | Business benefits of equality

From Mrs Denise Walton

Sir: I welcome the common sense of Duff Hart-Davis's article (Weekend, 4 November). As a practising ecologist and farmer I experience both sides of the fox control argument but see the need for control for both agricultural and ecological reasons. Foxes are wild carnivorous animals in a highly competitive and diverse environment. Their predation of farm animals is often more than "just a nuisance" and lack of fox control could have implications for biodiversity in local areas. I have abandoned a small but

profitable farmyard free-range egg supply business because the hens were taken by foxes during the day (they were shut in at night). Another neighbour has had to do the same - hens were killed and left within a high fenced run. Protection can be prohibitive. During a recent lambs, a significant amount from a small stock farm, and another witnessed two foxes working together to distract a ewe while a third fox attempted to remove one of twins just born. My husband frightened a vixen from a new-born lamb one of whose ears she had all but eaten off (two further lambs had been similarly injured during that lambing).

Following a period of consistent fox control in the locality this vear, the numbers of ground nesting birds and young hares have increased significantly in spite of a wet spring.

From Mr Kevin Shilleto

room fires if halon is misused.

is not required, as a concen-

tration of maximum 5-6 per cent in the affected area will extin-

guish fire; 94-95 per cent air remains to sustain life. Unlike

carbon dioxide, halon does not

consume oxygen: it eliminates

fire by chemical break-up of the

and elsewhere to protect computer

rooms, telephone exchanges and

other enclosed spaces where sec-

ondary damage to contents could

be as costly as the fire itself. In

none of these places is breathing equipment felt to be necessary.

Staff are trained to make an

orderly exit before, during or after

the automatic release of halon by

There appears to have been no

understanding of halon's role on

the Sally Star. Eurotunnel is not

immune from this ignorance of halon's qualities. It is described

in the published safety document

as an "agent of last resort" on the

shuttle. Eurotunnel intends to

attempt evacuating passengers before releasing halon. This is wasting time, halon and probably

passengers' lives. Halon's ability

to fight fire diminishes with every

wasted second. Yours faithfully,

London, ŚWi

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Halon is widely used in the UK

fire molecules.

To be fully effective, halon

Fisheries and Food statistics may suggest that national losses to farmers are not significant (I question their source - there will be many losses which go unreported), the losses matter to individual farmers who need to control foxes. Control should be on a planned, local and season-by-season basis. Hunting with hounds can very effectively achieve such local control, which is often all that is necessary. It has the added and important advantage of a quick kill with no foxes left to die of their injuries, unlike other forms of control. Yours faithfully,

DENISE WALTON Foulden, Berwickshire From Mr Elliot Morley, MP Sir: Lord Mancroft (Letters, 7 November) does not give the

full story about the sorry demise lambing a neighbour lost 11 of John McFall MP's Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill. Firstly. for Food, Agriculture and Rural the sensible thing to do was to have used the existing wording to the 1911 Protection of Animals Act. This was refused by the British Field Sports Society because of the word "torture". They feared blood sports would be vulnerable to legal challenge.

Secondly, while some Lords amendments were not objectionable, none were necessary. The original wording was approved by Home Office and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food legal advisers. It was agreed by the BFSS and all

While Ministry of Agriculture, the animal welfare groups. It was a compromise to suit the hunting lobby on the basis that the Bill would be supported at all stages by the BFSS. The result was unnecessary amendments, one of which actually puts a serious loophole in the Bill according to RSPCA legal

> ened and its progress blocked. For Lord Mancroft to talk about "consensus" and "compromise" is hypocrisy of the worst kind. The result of this debacle is that many of my colleagues, from all parties, who served on the committee stage of this Bill feel that compromise with the blood sports lobby is pointless.

advisers. The Bill is seriously weak-

Yours sincerely, ELLIOT MORLÉY MP for Glanford and Scunthorpe (Lah) House of Commons London, SW1 The writer is Labour spokesperson

Sir: In his article on foxes, I was surprised that Duff Hart-Davis did not mention the largest controller of foxes in this country, the Forestry Commission. Its employees kill about 25,000 foxes a year: this fact disposes of the claim that bounds are needed to kill foxes in forestry plantations. Yours faithfully. JOHN FULLER Cambridge

Danger of further | Cancer, lice ious pest-control purposes? ferry engine fires | and advice

From Dr Andrew Watterson Sir: Your coverage of the report

Sir: The recent decision, based on into the fire on the cross-Chan-"prudence" and the precautionary nel ferry Sally Star ("Blaze on principle, to place the headlice ferry 'exposed failings in safety drill'", 31 October) highlights the possibility of further ferry engine treatment carbaryl on prescription-only sale is to be welcomed ("Cancer link leads to ban on sale of headlice remedies". 8 November). Carbaryl was first synthesised must be released as soon as fire in 1953 and reports about its caris detected. Breathing apparatus cinogenic effects appeared in 1970. Other information about possible mutagenicity, reproductive, neurological and immunological effects of carbaryl has been available for at least a decade. It seems strange that the new policy had to be triggered by more evidence from the manufacturers about carcinogenicity tests in laboratories and not by our regulators acting on existing data and knowledge of data gaps.

What will now happen to those agricultural, horticultural and public-health workers who still use carbaryl on crops and for var-

5 November

In the US data sheets on carbaryl do indicate the substance may cause mutations and may present reproductive hazards. Users there have some form of informed consent about which pesticides they choose to purchase. At the very least similar labels should be attached to the product in the UK for all its uses. This has not led to the cries of scaremongering referred to by your newspaper in the UK. If people are better informed about potential and known hazards, if they are told that the science is often unclear or contradictory, they are less likely to be "scared" and more likely to find out about hazards and accept the tentative advice of experts. Yours sincerely,

ANDREW WATTERSON Director Centre for Occupational and **Environmental Health Policy** De Montfort University 8 November

Art of drawing

From Mr Robert Tilling Sir: I greatly enjoyed reading Learning to look really hard" (November) in which David Hockney expressed a fear for the future of drawing, particularly in our art schools.
I can assure Mr Hockney, from

my experience of nearly 30 years of teaching art in schools, that drawing is certainly alive and well. In particular at GCE and GCSE level, although he would like to see such examinations abolished, there is some very exciting drawing being produced. Teachers are also being directed by the new national curriculum in art to encourage their students to draw and observe carefully the world in which they live.

I cannot really comment on the state of drawing at our art schools and universities, but there is a great deal of good drawing being produced which will be well illustrated by the next Cleveland International Drawing Biennale.

In my experience the majority of school students want to draw and enjoy drawing and, if they really wish it, most children can produce lively and interesting work. More interest should be focused on drawing in schools and particularly at Advanced GCE level. Here, I suggest, is a strong foundation for the future. Yours faithfully, ROBERT TILLING

Head of Art Victoria College Jersey 7 November

From Ms Kamlesh Bahl Sir: Barrie Clement ("EOC admits cost of sex equality at work", 4 November) confuses the research on the economics of equal opportunities published by the Equal Opportunities Commission with the strongly developing business case for equality for employers.

The EOC commissioned the research on the economics of equal opportunities to question the widely held perception that equality is an expensive luxury. It is also intended to stimulate debate on how we achieve and maintain a competitive workforce which makes the best use of

the skills of men and women. The research complements the husiness case for equal opportunities on which a good deal of hard evidence is already emerging. For example, Rank Xerox estimates that over five years it has saved £1m in recruitment and retraining costs and previous lost productivarrangements following mater-

This is a net gain excluding the cost of the programme and has occurred because of a reduction in the company's loss of skilled and experienced women from over 80 per cent to under 20 per cent per annum.

The significant issue emerging 7 November

that there is often a case for equality at the national level even if particular measures are the employer. For example, proings, but can only be harmful in the medium to long term. The gressed to encompass the eco-

from the economics research is

At the national level it is on the agenda of the CBI and many employers including the 500 members of the EOC's Equality Exchange: it is being increasingly debated within the European Union and this September's World Conference on Women fully recognised that gender must be included in all economic

long been ignored.

Yours faithfully, KAMLESH BAHL Chairwoman **Equal Opportunities** Commission Manchester

Misleading figures on domestic abuse

From Ms Una Freeley Sir: The "most thorough and statistically robust" National Family Violence US surveys which Oliver Kamm quotes (Letters, 3 November) are also the most notorious in the field of domes-

tic violence, because of the misleading methods used. Based on the use of the Conflict Tactics Scale, as was the similar MORI poll on "family violence" in this country, they produce the crudest of results which, in the words of Wardle, Gillespie and Leffler, "imply that a mother spanking her child is equivalent to a husband breaking his wife's ribs".

The aim seems to be to play down all physical violence in the home and to ignore sexual violence, threats, humiliation and the other degradations which drive so many women to seek help.

Even the highest (and still climbing) current estimates of how many women suffer abuse in the home sound puny to those of us daily overwhelmed with requests from women for advice, information and refuge. What is clear is that women

who once fight back never hear the last of it from their partners and men pursue women through the courts far more vigorously than women usually pursue Yours faithfully,

UNA FREELEY Domestic Violence drop-in Women and Medical Practice London, N8 6 November

not cost effective at the level of viding training for one sex only may produce short-term cost savdebate on equality has now pronomic and business arguments.

analysis and planning.
The EOC believes that these

arguments complement the moral arguments for equal opportunities and indeed may help to ity by introducing flexible working achieve the culture change we are seeking in organisations where

From Ms Io Chilvers Sir: Oliver Kamm's knowledge of violence against women (Let-

ters, 3 November) appears somewhat limited. For research giving detailed analysis of the issues. including victim perspectives and some support for the "one in four" figure [one woman in four has suffered physical abuse from a male partner), I draw his attention to the work of, among others, Edwards (1989), Stanko (1990), Dobash & Dobash (1992) and Mooney (1993).

Mr Kamm refers to the work of Gelles & Straus in support of his argument. This work has been highly criticised (eg Dobash & Dobash 1992) for its highly suspect methodology which fails to take account of meaning; the intention and perception of both perpetrator and victim. The "50 per cent of violent incidents committed by women" figure cited by Mr Kamm often refers to attempts by women to defend themselves against more aggres-sive male partners, with the intial "incident" perpetrated by a man - as evidence from injury rates and levels will confirm.

In choosing to focus on that one body of work, Mr Kamm may have given the impression that violence ithin heterosexual relationships is committed by men and women in equal proportion. A more balanced look at the wealth of available research on the subject will uphold the more accepted view that such violence within relationships remains overwhelmingly perpetrated by men. Yours faithfully, JO CHILVERS Reading, Berkshire

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Dance on the grave of the Establishment

Notions of right no longer include due deference to the state's authority or duty to one's class

The real lesson of the Ordtech conspiracy, as of Matrix Churchill and the leaks from government's heart, is not that we live under a corrupt Estabishment, but that we are living in a time of disestablishment. The Establishment ment is dissolving. It is snitching on itself. Reliable chaps are thinning on the ground. A new public morality is stalking the land.

Nothing is new about these scandals, except that we know about them. Who believes that in earlier decades there were no disreputable or foolish decisions by the Foreign Office? Or that businessmen had a hard time when they fell foul of the state? Or that Parliament and the public were misled about embarrassing policies?

Such things are not the unique burden of the Major-Thatcher years. What is really striking is that judges, senior barristers, business executives, civil servants, former ministers, Tory MPs and newspaper proprietors are losing any deference for their political masters. They don't give a damn what Downing Street wants them to say or do, even if they were appointed personally by the Prime Minister. They say what they think and do what they want. That is why these stories are

getting out, and running.
Think of Lord Justice Taylor's brusque sweeping-aside of Government secrecy in the Ordtech appeal and his attack on Michael Howard over sentencing. Think of the stripping-away of the veils of secret Whitehall life by Lord Justice Scott. Think of Alan Clark's devastatingly candid evidence in the Matrix Churchill trial itself.

Consider the way Lord Nolan and his committee, carefully hand-picked

by John Major and the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, nevertheless produced a report that shook the Cabinet and divided the Tories in Parliament. Think of the scorching, publicly expressed views of Judge Stephen Turnim, the outgoing Inspector of Prisons, on the prisons policy of the Home Secretary. Think of those anonymous civil servants who regu-larly pass documents outside. Think of Derek Lewis, going loudly.

In earlier decades, influenced by ruling-class reticence, by the disciplines of World War and by the Cold War, judges seemed much quicker to accept ministerial authority, newspapers were more respectful of it and public servants shut up and served it. Most, though not all, of the people listed above as recent troublemakers for the state would have fitted into the original definitions of the Establishment, as it was first described by AJP Taylor in the New Statesman in 1953 and then by Henry Fairlie, a deep-drinking genius, in a better-known article in the Spectator in September 1955.

For Taylor, as a left-wing historian, the Establishment was essentially the ruling class, which recruited outsiders as soon as they conformed to its codes of conduct. "There is nothing more agreeable in life," he wrote, "than to make peace with the Establishment and nothing more corrupting." By that definition. British public life in 1995 is cheeringly full of incorruptibles who refuse to make peace on politi-

Fairlie's article was subtler and more specific. He was writing about the attempts to bush up the disappearance of the traitors Burgess and Maclean



ANDREW MARR Columnist of the Year

Authority may pass to power centres beyond the reach of the ballot

and, therefore, about the same Foreign Office and intelligence service demimonde so heavily involved in the Ordtech and Matrix Churchill fiascos. He stressed that the Establishment went beyond the official centres; power

in England "is exercised socially".

He then listed the chair of the Arts Council, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, the "stratum" of Foreign Office types and upper-crusties who tried to protect the Burgess-Maclean story via the Times and the Observer and the links between Buckingham Palace and the Leader of the Opposition, which had prevented a disobliging piece about Princess Margaret appearing in an American magazine. All demon-strated, said Fairlie, "the subtle social relationships" of the Establishment at

But those relationships, linking polities so tightly with the media and public service, have now gone. Britain still perk and privilege, notably in business. But this is no longer a country in which chaps from the FO, the odd titled lady and the head of a quango can close ranks and twist public debate. The press, lar from being fixable, is aggressively on the other side. Whitehall is being jemmied open. Princesses, lampooned at home, would give their rollerblades for the sort of solt, gus-sipy coverage they get in the US. Fairlie's Establishment had started

to crack within a few years of his article, battered by the satire boom and Sixties' scandals. And some Establishment members have always broken rank - there have always been stroppy judges, republican peers and so on.

It is more that, these days, there are no ranks left to break. Notions of right no longer include due deference to the state's authority or duty to one's class. Earlier generations of public servants were acting conscientionsly when they kept silent for the good of the country, or gave the benefit of every disputed doubt to the Crown. What his changed is not the goodness or badness of those in public life, but the civic morality by which they judge themselves. It has no space for unquestioning loyalty to ministers or institutions.

It is not a shift to the left, as such. The judges militant and sleaze-finders are mostly soft Tories, from Establishment backgrounds. Alan Clark is hardly one of life's dripping liberals.

Those podgy, unappealing businessmen who traded with Iraq and who refused to take their judicial medicine punishment are not the sort you find on the list of signatories to Charter 88.

It is more that the solidarity

destroyed by liberalism, social mobility and a more aggressive democratic culture. These conspiracies and embarrassment are spilling out now not because the state is behaving worse, but because other people in public life are growing worse at taking "no" for an answer.

So there are libertarian QCs. unabashed whistle-blowers and judges who are utterly unawed by elected politicians. The deference of senior barristers and judges, editors and tycoons, has gone. The military loyalty of the state bureaucracy is going, too. partly due to the contract-culture and agency management brought in by this Government. It is almost as if, living under a monarchy, we are becoming

stroppy republicans.

Not all of this should be unequivecally welcomed, because if the elected élite is no longer accepted as worthy of some special respect, its authority may pass to commercial or interna-tional power centres that are even farther beyond the reach of the ballotbox. But in every other respect, rather than wailing our outrage at revelations like the Ordtech one, we should celebrate the fact of these stories, for they are signs of disestablishment of Britain.

What did that Establishment described by Fairlie 40 years ago leave us with? A country in which ministers could gag justice and an MIo man could say of a death threat, "If we were not too squeamish we might use this point to ensure silence", secure in the belief that his thuggish hint would never be traced or judged. If that country is dying, we shouldn't stand around wringing our hands; we should

the role of the state at home, and to start to step back from international commitments, too.

The impact of a truly global market economy

will put just as great pressures on European countries as it has on the US, maybe greater because they carry the costs of more extensive

welfare systems. The same sort of political

forces that led to the Republican landslide will

show themselves across Europe, which may well

react in a similar manner. The world becomes

much more dangerous if Europe and America

wand, but to understand why American finance

has become less interested in Europe is a point

at which dialogue can continue. If the politicians

won't talk to each other, at least the markets can.

the signals they give deserve attention. If, for

The rush to monetary union,

in US eyes, diverts Europe

from much more pressing

economic and social issues

example, the bond market distrusts the securi-

ties issued by major European governments and pushes up interest rates on these, that is a signal

that policies are probably misguided. If the markets signal that it is too early for a single Euro-

pean currency, then that deserves attention, too.

the economic threat of a slow-growing, rigid,

unsuccessful Europe. What worries me about

America's lack of interest in Europe is less that

it is a sign of growing isolationism, more that it is justified. You would not expect US politicians to be particularly worried about slow growth in

Europe, for it is not their problem if we grow so

finance loses interest, for it is a signal that this

Financial markets are utterly international, and

So what is to be done? There is no magic

The 12 Gore Vidals of Christmas

Today, in the run-up to the festive season, we turn to the knotty topic of Christmas presents and how to choose them for yourself.

Of course, when I say choosing presents for yourself. I do not mean choosing presents to give yourself. I mean being ready for the question: "So, what do you want for Christmas this year?" It is a serious question. Most

people have not the faintest idea what to give each other, so they end up asking the recipient for help and advice. The trouble is that the recipient seldom has any idea what he wants either. Oh yes, he might have said to himself that it would be nice to have that new Gore Vidal book, or that new record by Jessica Williams, or that he needed some more shirts, but most of us seldom rise above this mundane level. and even then we seldom even remember that we wanted that Gore Vidal book when we are

put on the spot. So, as we near Christmas, we get distressing repetitions of conversations like this:

"Any idea what you want for Christmas this year, Dad? "What? Oh, good Lord, I hadn't thought. I don't really need anything. Book? Record? Something like that...."

That is worse than useless. That is useless and irritating. It leaves the asker feeling aggrieved at not getting any help. You think that you are sending out the message: "On, l don't want to be a problem at Christmas time, so don't worry about me," but you are doing the opposite. You are creating a problem. The problem of you as a black hole.

present-wise.

So what you have to do is sit down well in advance of Christmas, long before you start worrying about what to give other people, and work out what you want. This is not selfishness. This is generosity. You are giving help to other people. You are selflessly making their Christmas task easier by preparing a list. In the old days you would have put at the top of the list "Dear Father Christmas, what I want is as follows..." but just because Christmas any more does not mean the principle does not hold good.

The way you make a list is by listening to your own conversation and writing down things you told yourself you needed. During the year there have been moments when you said: "Oh, if only we had a ..." or What we need is a good ... " or "I can't believe we haven't got an up-to-date ..." or "How much longer can we survive

without a ...?" Well, instead of saying it, write it down. And gradually this whole Christmas thing again.

you will accumulate a list along

Music stand Umbrella Warm gloves A dictionary of quotations A garlic press

A wine cooler A corkscrew that looks good, ie, not like an old cider press, and works as well

As that list looks a little dreary and functional, and also does not mention anything particularly gift-like, you will probably add to the list one or two other items that you really want, such as that Gore Vidal book or that Jessica Williams CD.

(I would like to make it plain that I know most of you do not want a book by Gore Vidal and may not even have heard of Jessica Williams. I am just using these as examples. Examples of the sort of thing I want for Christmas, actually. For you it may be something totally different - maybe boxed



sets of Purcell or the new Blur CD. Incidentally, did you know that on Merseyside there is no difference between the pronunciation of the group Blur and the leader of the Labour Party? Just a though(L)

So when people ask you what on earth you want for Christmas, as you are so difficult to buy presents for, you smilingly produce your list (or quote from it from memory if you do not want it to seem too much like a wedding list at John Lewis's) and mention all the things on it from the wine cooler down to the Gore Vidal book.

The result of this planning is all too predictable. When Christmas comes, you find that you have been given

anything up to 11 copies of the Gore Vidal book. And you do not really any of them now.

Because two weeks before Christmas you could not resist buying yourself a copy, just in case nobody bought you one at Christmas.

So the only result of all the careful Christmas planning is that you now have 12 copies of that Gore Vidal book, and you got them too late to give any of them away as presents to other people.

Tomorrow we will try to rethink

Europe is far from being a major concern for American financiers – and we should learn from this

Wall Street looks the other way

New York - It is always good, in Robbie Burns's phrase, to see ourselves as others see us and one of the delights of spending a couple of days talking to Wall Street bankers is to catch a feel for the priorities of the US financial community. "We know," said a colleague a few days ago, "that the Americans are not interested in Britain. But what do they think about Europe? Have they given up on Europe, too?"

Certainly Europe occupies a small space of mind in American finance, despite the fact that is greater economic output than either of the other two main economic zones, North America or East Asia. You can catch this in the way European news is reported. Big political stories are reported, but analysis is limited. We are much more interested, for obvious reasons, in Colin Powell's decision not to run for president, than they are in a French cabinet reshuffle.



Why the lack of interest? I put the question to the senior management of one of the US's largest banks at a lunch high above Wall Street. The answer came in three main parts. The first was that in present trading terms Europe was no longer that important to the US. Of course it was still a large and rich market, but if you looked at the numbers, trade with Canada and Mexico was much greater. Second and more important, Western Europe

did not, looking ahead, appear an exciting market. It did not have the vigour of the rapidly growing economies of East Asia, nor the potential of Latin America. Within Europe the most interesting markets were places such as Poland, and maybe, for the very brave, Russia. They are not the members of the EU.

Third, there was surprise and concern that the EU had allowed itself to become so bogged down in plans for monetary union. The ordinary people did not want it, and the whole project was far too early. To try to impose a currency union before there was economic convergence was simply not sensible. Why, I was asked, did not Britain make the

reasoned and responsible case against this rush to EMU, speaking as a candid friend, instead of its present hostile (and ineffective) opposition? I suppose the answer is that we would not be listened to, whatever we said and however we said it. But understand the import of the question: in the eyes of Europe's thoughtful friends on Wall Street, the EU has embarked on a course of action that will end in tears, and that diverts it from much more pressing issues of economic and social policy. And the less successful we, in Europe, appear, the less attention America will pay. There are better fish to fry.



Wall Street may be able to tell us more than Washington

Does that matter? Well yes, it matters desperately. A weak or ill-tempered relationship between Europe and North America is damaging in purely economic terms, given the mutual interdependence of the two most mature economic zones, but the potential damage goes far beyond that. The danger is that the gulf between America and Europe becomes so wide that they cease to co-operate in providing political and conomic stability to the world.

By coincidence some of those dangers will be spell out today in a speech in Vienna by the prominent New York financier, Felix Rohatyn, who

warns of growing isolationism within America. Mr Rohatyn, managing director of Lazard Frères, but best known for his role in saving New York from bankruptcy in the late 1970s, is a Democrat. So naturally he would be concerned at the right-wing social agenda of the Republicans since the landslide victories of a year ago. The gist of his argument is that this revolution goes far beyond Reaganism and Thatcherism in the 1980s and will have a profound impact on Western European democracies. Faced with much greater international competitive pressures, the reaction of Republican politicians has been to hack back

Photograph: Brian Harris

Maybe the message for Europe from New York is more useful than the message from Washington. The restructuring of American industry of the past decade - the cutbacks in manufacturing but also the development of whole new service industries, particularly in software, and the explosive growth of others, particularly in entertainment - has been very painful in human terms. The new jobs are not necessarily in the same places, or for the same people, as the old. But there is no doubt that US inc has lifted

its game. Everyone here talks of it. The old industries are much more competitive; the new out on their own, unmatched by Japan, the country that many people five years ago saw as the worldbeater. Above all, it is an economy that creates new jobs, including many highly paid ones, something at which Europe continues to be spectac-

by Tony Reeve and Steve Way EARR ORIGINAL STAR TREKKERS VERSUS NEXT GENERATION FANS ...

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effective, and greatly underratfigure. 6ft 4in tall, who appeared especially forbidding when peer-ing over his half-moon spectacles. In the 35 years after he joined BTR (then called the Birmingham Tyre and Rubber Company) in 1955 he was one of the four executives led by Sir Owen Green who built it into a leading industrial holding group. Subsequently, as chairman of British Aerospace, he rescued Britain's principal aerospace company from the edge of bankruptcy. Nevertheless he was too brusque, too honest, too much of a loner, to be appreciated for his full worth.

Cahill worked 12 hours a day seven days a week and hated holidays which, he said, spoiled the rhythm of his life, though he sometimes expressed the wish to retire: "I would like to do some prison visiting and work with small children.

He had a miserable childhood himself. His Irish Catholic father. notable for a violent temper which the son inherited but kept largely under control, was one of the founders of Blue Circle Cement and later an entrepreneur and merchant banker. Cahill himself was sent off to boarding school at the age of nine. He hated it. As he later said: "Even if you absolutely detest a child. don't do it. It is so lonely . . ." He was beaten regularly, with canes thick and thin, "the thin ones stung and the thick ones just hurt. It quickly ceased to be a

The lonely child was father to the driven loner of an adult, happy only with his wife and three daughters, a man obsessed with punctuality and orderliness and with the importance of honesty

Cahill: completely straightforward

In the unique and idiosyncrat-

ic intellectual melance that

constituted Ernest Gellner, phi-

losophy too had its part to play.

writes Professor David-Hillel

Ruben (further to the obituary

by Professor Chris Hann, 8

Gellner's philosophical con-

tribution might be thought of in

two ways. First, there was the

well-known early intervention

against ordinary language phi-

losophy. In Words and Things,

he sought to expose the excesses

of the methodology then prac-

tised in much of the Anglo-

fluential Cause and Meaning in

the Social Sciences, attacked

what he saw as the idealist im-

Novemberl.

After a short spell in a stockroker's office in the late 1940s. he took fright at the idea that brokers could be nationalised and sent out 300 job applications. One went to the Birmingham Tyre and Rubber Company which made him the company's second post-war management trainee. When Owen Green joined the company in 1956 Cahill became his loyal lieutenant, one of the four "horsemen" who built BTR into an industrial giant. The BTR formula was simple: combining autonomy for subsidiaries with rigorous financial controls. But, to its great, and under-recognised, credit, BTR, unlike Hanson and GEC - with which it was often compared specialised in encouraging investment and growth within the companies it acquired, once they had been reorganised to conform with the notoriously

For over a decade Cahili was involved in expanding BTR's operations in the United States. but he retired prematurely at the age of 60 in 1990 because of BTR's failure to take over the Massachusetts-based Norton

puritan BTR ethic.

abrasíves group. In April 1992, he took over as chairman of British Aerospace, just before the group's low point. A disastrous splurge of diversi-tication had left the group on its knees. In September 1992, six months after taking over, Cahill had to announce a write-off of £1bn for restructuring the company, a drastic policy of what he called "costs down". Cahill also slimmed the

Professor Ernest Gellner

plications and consequences of

such a style of philosophising,

which he regarded as unac-

ceptable for the practice of the

social sciences. In this, he was

in the company of other phil-

osophers at the London School

of Economics, who stood apart

from the philosophical fashions

of the time, and defended a

quite distinctive point of view

from the environs of Houghton

Street. He incurred the dis-

pleasure of the Oxford dons: it

is said that Gilbert Ryle, then

editor of Mind, the leading phi-

losophy journal in the UK. re-

fused to allow a review of Words

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merely that "I have worked for 48 years; I now might take a few weeks off." Nevertheless early this year he was back on the business scene as the new chairman of the troubled American airline TWA.

Yamamah 2 deal, signed only af-

Cahill's main failure was his in-

regional jet business. This was

helped his enemies on the

board, as did the uproar sur-

rounding the sale of the Rover group to BMW in January 1994.

"He is completely straightforward; building bridges is some-

thing that would never have

occurred to him as necessary."

arrangements also served to

cloud his achievements: he con-

tinued to live in the United States and insisted that he be

paid there through the group's American subsidiary. He se-

proved highly profitable: large-

ly because, thanks to his efforts,

the share price had risen more

than five times during his stew-

ardship. He received a total pay-

off of over £3m from BAe last

year, attracting wide public dis-

approval. But he could look

back with some satisfaction at

his period at BAe as its Euro-

pean rivals the German-Dutch

Cahill's unusual financial

Nicholas Faith

John Conway Cahill, businessman: born Ruislip, Middlesex 8 January 1930; deputy overseas general manager, BTR Industries 1963-76. deputy managing di-rector 1976-78, president and chief executive. BTR Inc. and rman, BTR Pan American 1979-86, chief executive, BTR plc 1987-90, non-executive chairman, BTR Inc 1987-92; chairman, British Aerospace 1992-94; married 1956 Giovanna Lenardon (three daughters); died Rhode Island 4 November 1995.

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into a single systematic ap-proach. His social philosophy

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sions and problems to which

this way of doing things gave

rise. Social philosophy has in-

spired countless numbers of

students, and Gellner was its

main practitioner.

Gellner was an eclectic, who

clear meaning in philosophy.



Dasa group controlled by The most unbending of republican voices: Blaney (left) outside the House of Commons with Owen Daimler Benz, struggles with

Neil Blaney

Though most widely known for the infamous Arms Trial in 1970 which followed his and Charles Haughey's ejection from the Irish cabinet by the Taoiseach, Jack Lynch, Neil Blaney had a marathon political career that spanned almost

Blaney's name became synonymous with an unbending Irish republican viewpoint in whatever forum he was in. which was entirely consistent with his background. His father, Neal Blaney, had been in the IRA during the Independence struggle and in 1927 became a. Fianna Fail TD (MP) himself when it was formed by Eamon de Valera after splitting off from Sinn Fein.

Neil Blancy took the Donegal seat vacated by his father's death in 1948 and emerged as one of the party's finest organisers. By his mid-thirties ho was serving as a cabinet minister, first under de Valera and from 1959 under the reforming Sean Lemass. By the mid-Sixties Blanev had emerged as one of the four most dynamic members of the government.

As Local Government minister he was responsible for urban redevelopment programmes, moving inner-city slum tenement dwellers to new Dublin estates, in the process erecting Dublin's first high-rise housing. He was also behind schemes that made big improvements in rural water supplies. At by-elections he was the party's organisation expert, backed up by a mobile army of canvassers. Reporters such as Brendan OhEithir dubbed them "The Donegal Mafia", describing their arrival in rural areas, heralded by the screeching of car tyres and vehicles full of sharp-suited young

In 1966 Blaney entered the were acquitted after Ireland's Fianna Fail leadership contest, trial of the century. Their stance was problematic for their three but withdrew under pressure from Lemass, who backed the co-accused, who maintained that they were co-operating eventual winner, Jack Lynch. with Government policy. Such was Blanev's presence by then that Lynch was unable to The affair led to Blaney's demove him from Agriculture to parture from the party in 1971.

another department. When the Northern Ireland conflict erupted in 1969, Blaney made a series of forceful speeches attacking the British handling of the crisis, repeatedly underlining Dublin's warning that it "cannot, and will not, stand idly by in the face of wide-scale attacks on Catholic areas. Blaney was credited with

planning the importation of arms for relief of Catholic areas in Northern Ireland, an idea strongly urged by Northern nationalist leaders fearful of their community's future amid the burning of Catholic areas in the summer of 1969. Blaney and Charles Haughey, as finance minister, were members of a cabinet sub-committee set up to monitor events in the North while Haughey was put in charge of funds for the relief of distress among Northern nationalists.

Though some involved in the planning were against giving weapons to people outside the control of the Irish army, the differences over the policy were clear from the fact that Northern Catholics were by September 1969 being given training at Irish Army camps in Donegal.

The importation of weapons from Antwerp to Dublin was set for April 1970, but came unstuck when the Irish Special Branch intervened to block it. Lynch was told two days later and on 5 May Haughey and Blaney were sacked from the cabinet. Blaney and Haughey denied knowledge of the arms impor-

tation part of the venture and

Court of Appeal (Lord Justice

Gibson and Sir Roger Parker)

tiff, whose defamation action

Kennedy, Lord Justice Peter

27 October 1995

Alan Murdoch

the party.

Neil Blanev. politician, farmer. hotelier: born Rossnakill, Co Donegul 29 October 1922; member, Donegal County Council 1948-57; TD (MP) for Donegal North-East 1948-95; MEP for Connacht-Ulster 1979-94: Minister for Posts and Telegraphs March-December 1957: Minister for Local Government 1957-66; Minister for Agriculture 1966-70; married Eva Corduff (five sons; two daughters); died Dublin S

November 1995.

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Blaney's Dail position they re-

tained a number of local coun-

cil seats. He declined to join

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Fianna Fail abel in his native

Donegal, which took a second

Blaney's victory in the 1979

European elections, drawing

an enormous \$1,000 first pref-

erences, showed his undimin-ished strength. In 1982 in a

fierce speech in the European

Parliament, he strongly object-

ed to any endorsement of

Britain's Falklands policy which

he denounced as a continuation

From 1982 Blaney gave Dail support to Fianna Fail govern-

ments. But despite almost an-

nual calls from delegates to the

party's and fheis. Fianna Fail nev-

er invited the most unbending

of republican voices back into

of Britain's colonialist past.

Dail seat in 1976.

swering a summons by the Master in full nurse's uniform. Lister grew up in the Midlands, and maintained that his bookmaker father was the black sheep of an otherwise respectable family - his son rather thought to continue in that vein. His mother, an amateur opera singer, died when she was 36 years old. At the time Lister

Bert Lister's colourful life as-

sures him of a small place in theatrical history. As dresser, valet,

stage manager and chauffeur, he performed his services with

no degree of servility whatso-

ever. Noël Coward nicknamed

him "Nanny", an appellation

Lister once took literally, an-

senior was nowhere to be found he was in fact at the Northem Derby in Newcastle - and it was three days before he learnt of his wife's death. "That night he went to bed crying, and when he woke the next morning his hair had turned snowwhite, his son recalled. "It was in all the papers." The family lived for a while

at Ventnor, in the Isle of Wight, in a house which had to be quickly abandoned in 1914 -Bert remembered that the breakfast things were left on the table - when it was requisitioned to hold German prisoners of war. They moved to London. and aged 12 Bert was already on stage, joining Percy Lewis's re-vue, performing a whistling act, "In a Monastery Gardens".

Bert Lister married young, a millionairess called Margaret Cox, but the match did not last long. "I was one of those proud cocky bleeders, and I just pinched her car and drove away and left her."

He met his second wife. Doris Mann, when he was playing a bookmaker - an appropriate role - in Derby Days. She was one of Cochran's Young Ladies. "very attractive ~ but a bit stupid". By this time Lister had been taken under Alice Delysia's wing, where his somewhat explosive manner, and easy way with Anglo-Saxon oaths, got him into trouble when he forgot his lines in A Pair of Trousers (1930) at the Criterion Theatre. "I played the butler in it - I had to bring in a tray and say, 'Madam, please ask one of the lower servants if you want the steps moving, and I forgot

it. I was trying to find the

words, and muttered, 'Oh fuck it', and two ladies in the stalls

heard me and I got the sack! But

War Lister served in the Royal Marines, and was for a period batman to Evelyn Waugh. He once met the novelist in London by chance, and he invited him to White's. "Someone came in and said, 'I'm sorry, Other Ranks aren't allowed in said. 'Oh piss off.' The fellow went scarlet! Then someone else came in and said the same thing, and Waugh said, 'I told

him to go, I don't want to have

to tell you to go. just go!" Before the war Lister had become friendly with John Gielgud, and together they shared a flat in St Martin's Lane. It was through John Perry, another friend of Gielgud's, later to become Binkie Beaumont's boyfriend, that Lister was recommended to Noël Coward as "secretary-cum-dogsbody". He worked with Coward during the run of Present Laughter at 1995.

Raymond W. Hoecker, died ing. His idea for a code scanning Springfield, Missouri 5 No- system originated in 1968 as a vember, aged 82. Inventor of the round symbol with lines Bar Code, used for product pric- radiating from its centre.

the Haymarket in 1943, and the following year touted South Africa with him, acting as manager, on occasions sounding like an East End trainer to hi under-performing boxer. "On the opening night at Cape Town, he went on and made a real cock-up of it. A lot of people had paid a lot of money it was packed: General Smuts was in. When he came off - and he really had behaved disgracefully, his performance was terrible ... I clouted him across the chops. I said . . . You're not fit to lick their boots! ... He went back and did his two best comedy songs, and it was a riot." Coward himself paid tribute to Lister in his autobiography Future Indefinite (1954): "He could charm a bird off a tree, provided the bird was familiar with racetrack jargon, rhyming slang and the more trenchant four-letter

words of our native tongue."

In 1945 Lister met Gail Kendall, who was appearing in Coward's revue Sigh No More. She was to become his third wife, after a period of living together before Lister's divorce came through, an immorality which had the improbable effect of shocking Noël Coward. In the immediate post-war years. Lister spent time in Paris, where he stage-managed an appearance by Maurice Chevalier whom, he recalled, was spat at because of his collaborationist reputation. He also met Edith Piaf: "I was very fond of her. Always pissed at night ... a strange girl - a bit sexy." Lister remembered. By this time his relationship with Coward was beginning to break up. "We had terrible rows - he only wanted me to star Graham Payn in the show! I wouldn't have anything to do with it. I had to move out of the Ritz into another hotel because we wouldn't speak." Lister left Coward after seven years of service and, despite a flurry of telegrams from him, refused to return.

Lister subsequently started up a chauffeuring business. 'My best driver was the Queen's former driver. Fred ... He didn't even know where Piccadilly Circus was! All he did was drive - he followed the two cyclists in front of him. So I had

to buy him a map." His last job was with the film producer Norman Jewison during his most successful period (producing Fuldler on the Roof, Rollerball. Jesus Christ Superstar), and seven years later he retired, to his flat in Victoria. His daughter by Gail Kendall, Perry Lister, became part of Sarah Brightman's "Hot Gossip" dance troupe, and went on to marry the rock star Billy

It was odd to visit Lister and Kendall in their tiny flat, where photographs of Lister with Noel Coward sat happily on the sideboard alongside snaps of the peroxide punk rocker Billy Idol and their pink-haired daughter. Weakened by a lengthy illness in his last years, Lister nevertheless gave graphic and blasphemous accounts of his past adventures, a mixture of a theatrical Don Juan and a minor character in a Cockney play by his onetime master, Noël

Philip Hoare

Herbert Lister, stage manager, dresser, chauffeur: born 1908: married three times (one daughter); died London 30 October

Coward.

American philosophical world. Targeting chiefly Wittgenstein and his Oxford followers, Gellner, in that book and in his in-

Births, Marriages & Deaths

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Changing of the Guard

Birthdays

The Right Rev James Adams, forme Bishop Suffragan of Barking, 80: Mr Spiro Agnew, former US vice-president, 77: Mr Kenneth Ashton, former General Secretary, National Union of Journalists, 70; Mr Victor Blank, chairman and chief executive, Charterhouse ple, 53; Lord Brabourne, television and film producer. 71: Mr David Constant, cricket umpire, 54; Mr Bryan Davies MP, 56; Miss Karen Dotrice, actress, 40; Mr George Duncan, chairman, ASW Holdings, 62: Sir Robin Gillett, former Lord Mayor of London, 70; Mr Ronald Harwood, novelist and playwright, 61; Miss Katharine Hepburn actress, 86; Mr Henry Hogger, High Commissioner to Namibia, 47; Mr Anthony Holland, former President, the Law Society, 57; Mr Alistair Horne, historian, 70; Miss Hedy Lamarr, actress, 82: Mr Hugh Leonard, playwright, 69; Mr Roger McGough, poet, 58; Air Vice-Marshal Kenneth Nairn, 97; Dame Kathleen Raven, former Chief Nursing Officer, DHSS, 85; Miss Stella Richman, television producer, 73: Mr Tony Slattery, actor and writer, 36: Mr Donald Trefford, former Editor, the Observer, 58; Viscount Weir, chairman, Weir Group, 62; Mr Tom Weiskopf, golfer, 53; Lord Wolfson

Anniversaries

Births: Ivan Sergeyevich Turgenev, playwright, 1818; Edward VII, King, 1841. Deaths: James Ramsay Mac-Donald, statesman, 1937; Arthur Neville Chamberlain, statesman, 1940; Dylan Marlais Thomas, poet, 1953; General Charles de Gaulle. statesman, 1970. On this day: the Cullinan diamond was presented to King Edward VII on his 66th birthday, 1907; the death penalty for

murder was abolished in Britain, 1965. Today is the Feast Day of St Benignus or Benen, St Theodore the Recruit and St Vitonus or Vanue.

Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: Ivene Logan, "Emaux de Limeges du seizieme siècle", 230pm. National Portrait Gallery: Dr D.W. Dinners Hughes, "Edmund Halley (1656-1742)", 1.10pm. Leicester University (Department of History of Art): Dr Francis Ames-Lewis, "Drawing and Renaissance Workshop Practices", 5.30pm.

Lord Home of the Hirsel There will be two thanksgiving services for the life of Lord Home of the

In London, a service will be held in Westminster Abbey on Monday 22 January, at 11.30am. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply in writ ing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to Miss Karen Koenen, 23 Great Winchester Street, London EC2P 2AX. Tickets will be posted on

8 January. In Edinburgh, a service will be held in St Giles' Cathedral on Monday 4 December, at 1 lam. No tickets are

Yitzhak Rabin

A memorial meeting for Yitzhak Ra-bin will be held on Sunday 12 No-vember at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7, from 12,30pm to L30pm. Doors will open at 11.02am, following the two minutes' silence for Remembrance Day. No tickets are memorial service will be held afterwards, at 3.15pm, at the West London Synagogue, London W1.

Luncheons

Foyles Literary Luncheon Lord Healey was in the chair at the

Hazards Forum

Richard Morris, chairman of Nirex, eld yesterday evening by the Hazards Forum at the Athenaeum Club ondon SWI. Sir Richard Doll and Dr Trevor Kletz spoke on "Risk - a tific Perspective .

Mr David Manning, to be Ambas sador to the State of Israel.

Mr Christopher Hum, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland. Miss Jessica Pearce, to be Ambas-sador to the Republic of Belarus. Mr Bill Sinton, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama. Mr Anthony Goodenough, to be British High Commissioner to Canada

Mr Martin Williams, to be British High Commissioner to the Republic of Zimbabwe. Lord Archer of Sandwell QC, to be Chairman of the Council on Professor Gordon McVie. to be Director-General of the Cancer

Research Campaign.

Professor Sir Bernard Crosland, past chairman of Hazards Forum, and Sir presided over a dinner discussion

Appointments

Miss Kaye Oliver, to be Ambassador (resident) to the Republic of Mr Ian Lewty, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

Donegal men in dark glasses.

629th Foyles Literary Luncheon held yesterday at Grosvenor House, London W1, in honour of Mr Roy Hattersley MP, and to celebrate the

provide security for the defendants' costs. The Court of Appeal dis-

missed an appeal by the de-fendants, Ian Hislop and Pressdram Ltd, and affirmed the decision of Sir Michael Davies, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division on 15 July 1995, who set aside the order of deputy Master Ashton, on 12 May 1994, requiring the plaintiff, John Stuart Condiffe. to provide security for the de-

would be stayed.
The defendants were respectively the editor and publisher of the magazine Private Eye, in which there appeared, on 27 March 1992, an article about the way the plaintiff, a chartered accountant, conducted his husiness. The plaintiff claimed the article was defamatory and began pro-ceedings on 23 July 1993 seeking damages for libel.

fendants costs in the sum of

£5,000 failing which his action

No security for 'Private Eye' libel costs

LAW REPORT

plaintiff and his wife were adiudged bankrupt. When asked The court had no jurisdiction how he proposed to finance his to order an impecunious plainlitigation, he told the defendants' solicitors that he had was being funded by a close relthe financial assistance of a relative such as his mother, to ative, who turned out to be his mother.

The defendants suggested the plaintiff's mother was a lady of modest means and that the plaintiff, who was also pursuing a similar action against West Country Television, would incur substantial costs. They applied for a stay of the action unless or until he provided security.

David Eady QC and Adricunc Page (Davenpon Lyons) for the defendants: Gooffrey Shaw QC (Peter Carter-Ruck & Ptrs) for the plaintiff.

Lord Justice Kennedy referred to Order 23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which dealt with security for costs. As the defendants conceded, the plaintiff did not fall within Order 23, rule 1, which was clearly directed at plaintiffs against whom, because they were abroad or concealing their identity, or were shielding themselves behind a nominal plaintiff, it might be difficult to On 27 August 1993, the enforce an order for costs.

Means were not relevant, except in the case of a nominal plaintiff, and the law was in general anxious not to shut out the individual plaintiff who was of limited means.

There was no other Rule of the Supreme Court on which the defendants could rely, so their submission was that Order 23 was not exhaustive as to the circumstances in which the court might order security for costs. They sought to rely on the court's inherent jurisdiction.

But on the face of it Order 23 appeared to be specific as to the circumstances in which securi-ty for costs could be ordered, even to extent of providing, in rule 3, that "This Order is without prejudice to the provisions of any enactment which em-powers the Court to require se-curity to be given for the costs

of any proceedings. . . If Order 23, rule 1 was not intended to be exhaustive as to the circumstances in which the jurisdiction might be exercised, rule 3 would seem to be sur-plusage; and in C.T. Bowring t Corsi [1994] 2 Lloyd's Rep 567 (Law Report, 14 July 1904), two members of the Court of Ap-peal expressed the view that Order 23, rule 1 was exhaustive.

The defendants argued that the court always had power to defend itself against abuse, and to order security for costs or stay proceedings as weapons to that end. Maintenance was still an abuse, even if it was no longer a crime or tort; so where, as here, a plaintiff had been shown to be a maintained plaintiff, an order for security for costs enforced by means of

a stay should normally be

But it was clear from the Law Commission's report in 1966 (whose proposal for the abolition of the crimes and torts of maintenance and champerty was enacted in the Criminal Law Act 1967) that by then a close relative would have been regarded as lawfully justified and not guilty of maintenance if they were to give financial assistance to a person in this plaintiff's position. Nothing had happened since 1966 to render illegal the actions of the

plaintiff's mother in this case. Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir Roger Parker agreed.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

• In R v Blackledge (Law Report, 8 November) John Aspinall QC and Elizabeth Gunther should have been included in the list of counsel for the appellants.

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CBI warms to Labour's Budget thoughts

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IN BRIEF Virgin mulls legal advice on Channel 5

Legal counsel to Virgin TV, a failed bidder for the Channel 5 terrestrial broadcasting licence, say that there are grounds to proceed with legal action aimed at overturning the controver-sial decision. The Independent Television Commission, which last month awarded the licence to the Pearson/MAI-backed consortium Channel 5 Broadcasting, failed the Virgin TV bid on the issue of programming quality. Backers of Virgin TV, including Richard Branson's Virgin Group, HTV and Associated Newspapers, will meet on Monday to discuss the recommendation. Another partner in the winning group, the Luxembourg-based CLT media group, yesterday acquired a 49 per cent stake in the UK's all-talk independent radio station, Talk Radio.

Henderson pension funds down £500m

Henderson Administration's shares fell 13p to 1,235p as it revealed another £500m fall in pension funds under management and half-year profits of £9.8m, down from £11.2m last time. Dugald Eadie, who took over as group managing director a year ago, insisted that "the tide has turned" and that institutions were considering Henderson as a manager. In 1990 pension funds made up £5.3bn of Henderson's £8.3bn funds under management, compared to just £3bn out of £13.6bn today. Henderson has maintained profitability by boosting other areas of business including its successful US joint venture Seligman Henderson, where funds doubled to £1.29bn. The half-year dividend was held at 13.5p.

New German move on Wall Street

The New York brokerage firm, Oppenheimer & Co, is believed to be close to being acquired by Bayerische Vereinsbank, Germany's fourth-largest commercial bank. If concluded, the deal is likely to carry a cash price tag of \$400m to \$500m. The German bank would acquire Oppenheimer's brokerage operations and its one-third interest in Oppenheimer Capital, a money management firm.

OECD lowers growth forecasts

The OECD said it was lowering growth forecasts for its 25 member countries this year from 2.7 per cent to 2.25 per cent. But it said growth was likely to recover in 1996 and beyond. Other bodies such as the IMF have already revised down their growth estimates for most industrial countries.

Bank unveils gilts repo code

The Bank of England yesterday published final versions of its documents for the gilts repo market opening on 2 January. They include a legal agreement for repos and a code of best practice. Ian Plenderleith, executive director for monetary operations at the Bank, said: "It is vital that the market should be safe and orderly... Firms now need to plan carefully their strategies and ensure that they have proper systems and controls in place."

Maxwell 'hopes of secret rescue'

The identity of a would-be rescuer of the Maxwell group had to be kept secret because of sensitivity about an Arab-Israeli peace conference, the Maxwell trial jury heard yesterday. Kevin Maxwell described his hopes that a group of Abu Dhabi investors including the ruler would inject £400m into the crisis-hit group. Kevin, his brother Ian and former financial adviser Larry Trachtenberg deny conspiracy to defraud by misusing shares. Kevin denies a separate charge of conspiring with his father to defraud.

DONALD MACINTYRE and PETER RODGERS

The CBI has told members in a confidential bulletin that Labour's developing theme of increasing business investment is not out of line with our own thinking".

In a surprisingly warm as-sessment of Labour's Budget proposals, the confederation's Business Update reveals that Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, met Adair Turner, director general of the CBI, and Kate Barker, head of econom-

ies, last month "at his [Mr Brown's] request". The 3 November issue of the

bulletin says that "the meat" of Mr Brown's budget announcement - which he will amplify at a news conference today - is aimed at increasing investment and includes a "two-tier capital gains tax to encourage longer term holdings of assets". It adds that this is "an idea lifted from our budget proposals last year, though our own debates suggests that the details of tapering may prove problematic"

It also says that the shadow chancellor's proposals for an ex-pansion of Tessas and Peps to stimulate savings are also "welcome in principle, although again the details are not clear.

However, the CBI directorate sounds rather more cautious on Labour's plans to ease the burden of VAT on small business so that they can hire more employees. The bulletin warns that it means "businesses which are too large to benefit have to compete on unequal terms". It adds: "But overall the

not out of line with some of our own thinking." In a separate interview ahead

of the CBI annual conference next week. Mr Turner confirmed the CBI view that Labour has moved closer to industry's thinking on a number of key issues, including macroeconomic policy, although the employers' organisation still objects strongly to the pro-Labour's espousal of the European Social Chapter, from which the Government has opted out. But Mr Turner also

siderable distrust among in-dustrialists about whether Labour can deliver on its more industry-friendly policies.

He said: "What our conservative members may well say is that the Labour Party's words don't sound bad, but can you trust them? That is still a legitimate question of course not in the personal sense - but if they were in government, how would they react to stress? Would they stick to what they say? That is a legitimate question for peo-

Birmingham, Tony Blair, the same day as Michael Heseltine. the deputy prime minister.

Mr Turner acknowledged that the CBI is in a sensitive position because anything it says about the political parties can be read as taking sides: "I don't think we have any choice but to state the facts of where we stand and our priorities, and then comment on the policies of the Government and the Labour opposition as they line up against our priorities.

Moves to

end row

over City

panel

The Corporation of London is to

meet a top Treasury official in an effort to defuse a row seen as damaging the City's efforts to promote its image. Michael Cassidy, chairman of the Corporation's influential policy committee, will hold talks with An-

gela Knight, economic secre-

tary to the Treasury, on 21 Nove-

mber, about changes to a Trea-

sury panel instituted to promote

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provoked anger inside the Trea-

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JOHN EISENHAMMER

Power play: The £14bn takeover bid frenzy over the electricity companies shifts to Wales

Welsh Water throws hat in the ring for Swalec

The £14bn bid frenzy in the electricity sector was thrust back into the limelight yesterday with a statement by Welsh Water that it may bid for South Wales Electricity. The move comes five years after the water company first swooped on its neighbour, taking its stake to 15 per cent before ultimately selling out. In a terse statement made on

the request of the Takeover Panel, the water group said: "The board of Welsh Water has been examining the case for making a takeover offer for South Wales Electricity." The com-pany said that "in current circumstances" it envisaged any offer being around vesterday's mid-morning price of £10.20 per share, which would value Swalec at almost £1bn. The statement made clear that at that price it would include the value of Swalec's stake in the National Grid Company, which is due to be floated on the stock market next month.

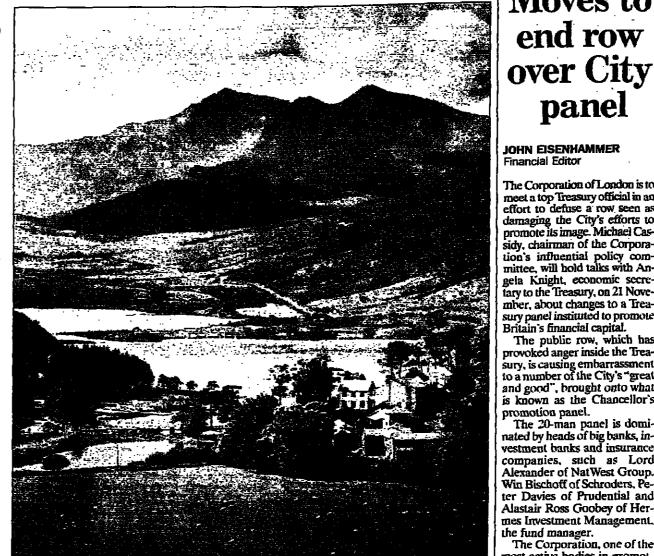
Shares in Swalec soared by 70p to £10.58, adding to the strong gains earlier in the week. The company, which is advised by NM Rothschild, said: Pending clarification of Welsh Water's possible comment to make and advises shareholders to take no action."

said: "We have been convinced of the synergies of such a takeover much longer than anyone else has been. It is encouraging that others, albeit somewhat later, are coming to the same conclusions." But one City analyst said Welsh would have to pay more like £11 a share to win the electricity firm and said he did not really expect a bid to materialise.

"I do not see Welsh Water winning this. They are smaller than Swalec and even at £10.20 they would be financially stretched - I cannot see shareholders being happy with this." he added.

Welsh Water's renewed interest follows government clearance at the end of last week for North West Water's £1.8bn takeover of Norweb. On Tuesday, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, also gave the green light to a potential bid for Northumbrian Water by Lyonnaise des Eaux of France.

The relationship between the two Welsh firms has never recovered from Welsh Water's surprise raid on Swalec in December 1990 - immediately after the electricity firm was privatised - when it scooped up about 9 per cent of the shares. Swalec resisted any intentions, Swalec has no further overtures from the water company but the stake was increased to almost 15 per cent



Source of speculation: Welsh Water has stirred takeover rumours concerning Swalec

held on to the shares until December 1992, selling at a sub-

stantial profit. drawn. But the widespread view is that there is still little love lost between the two

companies. Some analysis argue that

in June 1991 and Welsh Water much of the potential cost save elled by rumours of fresh inings between the water and terest from Houston Induselectricity operations could be tries, which was earlier thwarted achieved by co-operation with- in attempts to buy Norweb. There have since been senior out the risks of a merger. So far, management changes at both Welsh Water and Swalec have ton might be out for a bid bat-There have since been senior out the risks of a merger. So far, groups and, in recent months, no collaborations. Swalec has the with Central and South West the map of the electricity in- entered into a joint develop- Corporation of the US, its fordustry has been rapidly re- ment on customer billing systems with South Western

> al of the US. Takeover fever was further fu-

mer partner in the Norweb bid. which has mounted a takeover Electricity, now owned by of Seeboard, CSW is expected Southern Electric Internation to announce today it already owns 27 per cent of Seeboard. Comment, page 25

The Corporation, one of the most active bodies in promoting the City's financial reputation, has written to Mrs Knight proposing that the panel be widened to include a more representative selection of City institutions and businesses. Mr Cassidy said: "There is widespread concern in a number of influential City quarters about the way this initiative has

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been set up. "We all want it to galvanise the City, and for it to be led by the Treasury, but too many feel left out of the process."

Mr Cassidy cited the Stock Exchange, Lloyd's of London, the Metal Exchange and Liffe, the futures exchange, as bodies that need to be represented. "If we exclude any major market. the whole thing will founder over time and people will rubbish its work," he said. He has sent the Treasury a list of other representatives who wish to

be included in the initiative. The public undermining of what has been a carefully prepared, high-profile panel to bolster the City's standing here and abroad, has caused considerable irritation in the Treasury. The

Glaxo plans to triple research spending

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Glaxo Wellcome, the drugs giant, told the City yesterday that it planned to triple the productivity of its research and development operation. In one of the first big strategy au-nouncements since its £6.3bn takeover of Wellcome in March the group said it would bring three new medicines to market every year from now until 2000. The move is part of the new

industry, underlined yesterday by reported comments from Jan Leschly, chief executive of rivals SmithKline Beecham. that he expects "double-digit" profit growth from the launch of new products in the future.

At the briefing to City followers of the company at its new £700m medicines research centre at Stevenage in Hertfordshire, Glaxo Wellcome's senior management announced the competitive pressures sur- results of an important review

nalisation of the management. Areas of concentration in flatter structure introduced in his structure in the wake of the research will be the neuro-Wellcome takeover.

Total research and development expenditure of £1.2bn in 1996 will be little changed from the figure spent by the combined companies in the last reported financial period. But the research portfolio has been boiled down to 50 hig research and 93 development projects. compared with 160 research projects alone at the two com-

sciences, anti-virals, cardiovascular disease and cancer, while development will lean towards respiratory ailments, anti-viral infections, diseases affecting

diovascular and critical care. James Niedel, director of research and development, said that between six and eight layers of management had been re-

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rounding the pharmaceuticals of the drugs pipeline and a ratio-panies before they combined. duced to four in the new, much same time, management had been made more global with research centres in eight countries from the US to Japan being

brought under one team instead. Glaxo Wellcome's new-found productivity in R&D stems in part from the \$530m purchase earlier this year of Affymax, a Californian biotechnology company that replaces chemists in the search for new drugs.

panel has been a year in the making, and there was wide consultation, including with the Corporation, on objectives. structures and membership.

Economy: Bank of England raises expectations of lower interest rates despite its uncertainty over the outlook for earnings

Bank less gloomy on inflation Pay settlements seen Some City analysts saw yes- and output, the puzzle of low

PAUL WALLACE Economics Editor

The Bank of England has be-come more optimistic about the outlook for inflation, but is warning the Government against a giveaway Budget.

Since its last inflation report in August, the Bank has shaded down its central projection of inflation in two years' time, although it still thinks it will narrowly exceed the Government's target of 2.5 per cent or less. However, the Bank now accepts that "there is now a some-

what greater chance that inflation will be below 2.5 per cent in two years' time". The Bank's chief economist, Mervyn King, said: "We will be Gladstonian in looking at the numbers" in the Budget. How-ever, he also said the PSBR's failure to shrink so far this year could simply mean "we have

of fiscal consolidation".

The gilts market reacted favourably, with the December contract rising over half a point. The short sterling contract also rose, indicating expectations of an easing in monetary policy.

started more slowly on the road

terday's Inflation Report as a clear sign the Bank had softened earnings growth and the belan Shepherdson, UK econ-

omist at HSBC Markets, said "Mr Clarke will be pleased with this report. If his Budget is neutral or tight, then the door will be open for lower rates in the New Year - possibly even before Christmas.

The report was published on the same day the CBI revealed that manufacturing production had fallen in the past four months in Scotland and the North-west Nationally, manufacturing output was rising at its lowest rate for two years.

Mervyn King said that "the probability of hitting the inflation target has clearly risen since the August report". This contrasted with the po-

sition earlier in the year, when the risks were "on the upside". meaning it was more likely inflation would come in above 2.5 per cent than it was that it would ome in below. The Bank identified three

principal uncertainties about

a temporary destocking cycle and accounting in part for the recent weakness of manufacturing output. However, on balance the Bank expected some modest pick-up in domestic demand,

The Bank warned that the

downside risks to output had in-

creased, especially in the short

built up further in the second

quarter, increasing the risk of

In particular, stocks had been

which would essentially be sustained by a revival of consumer spending.
This forecast for consump-

tion, which did not take into account any tax cuts in the Budget, was based mainly on the fact the impact of previous tax increases was drawing to an end. Consumption was therefore likely to return to growth at around its trend rate over the next year or so.

The principal danger in the labour market was that the low growth of earnings reflected an the inflation outlook. These unsustainably low drift in wage were the prospects for demand rates rather than lower pay set-

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tlements. The gap between average earnings growth and set-tlements had virtually disappeared, but could rebound quickly with faster increases in bonuses or a period of stabili-ty in part-time work or overtime. The Bank believed that the

rate of growth of broad money which had run at just over S per cent in the year to Sep-tember - should turn down. If sustained, however, it would foreshadow a pick-up in

nominal demand that would eventually lead to higher Economic view, page 27

as key to prospects

DIANE COYLE Economics Correspondent

The outlook for wages is one of the biggest uncertainties about inflation prospects highlighted in the Bank of England report. The reason for the uncertainty is that growth in under-

lying average earnings has been unexpectedly low this year -even though basic pay settlements have been edging up and unemployment has fallen further faster than in previous recoveries. Annual earnings growth has fallen to 3.25 per cent, and nobody is sure why.

The Bank puts forward two diametrically opposed expla-nations for the surprisingly good behaviour of wages so far. The pessimistic view is that the reaction to the big fall in un-employment and creation of extra jobs has been delayed, and is about to take place. There has been an unusual absence of "wage drift" - increases in earnings above basic settlemenus such as bonuses and overtime pay. The shift towards

lower-paid, part-time work would also tend to reduce measured average earnings. Wage drift has always tend-

ed to rebound quickly in the past. It might do so soon. In addition, skills shortages tend to emerge a long way into a re-covery, so this could be on the

horizon again now.
Pay settlements have already picked up to about 3.5 per cent from 3 per cent at the start of the year. The current Ford and Vauxhail negotiations and the cluster of settlements in Janu-

ary will be crucial.

The optimistic explanation is that there is far more slack in the labour market than conventional measures suggests Deregulation and flexibility mean that the level of unem-ployment below which inflationary pressures emerge is much lower than it was in the 1980s. If this is true, unemployment can safely fail much further and a slight upward move in pay settlements has no troubling implications for the inflation outlook.

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Shareholders should nip Welsh bid in the bud

bought a stake in Swalec, the principality's electricity company. The idea was ill conceived as a business strategy, and terribly timed, since it was shortly after privatisation, when any bid for a Rec would have been

kicked into touch by the government. Swalec beat off Welsh Water's unwelcome attentions, and since then relations between the two have been strained, to say the least. This autumn, Swalec announced plans to hand hack cash to shareholders clearly designed - despite denials all round - to preempt another move by Welsh Water.

No prizes for guessing what has made Jain Evans, chairman of Welsh Water, decide to try again. It must, of course, be the example of Sir Desmond Pitcher of North West Water, just over the border, who has successfully carried off Norweb to create the first multi-utility company in Britain. Mr Evans will no doubt be making the same claims about efficiency gains, joint services and the rest of it, to justify putting together two completely unsuitable busines

Welsh Water may have invented the idea, but North West first pushed the concept through. There have been changes on both the Swalec and Weish Water boards since the original confrontation, and it is not a forcgone conclusion that an agreed deal will be rejected out of hand. Nevertheless, the prospects for Mr Evans' plans do not look good, especially since he has been forced

ing to give a target company time to marshall its defences.

Swalec is not the top performing Rec, and has a complicated and hilly distribution area that brings extra costs and difficulties. But value for money in a bid is probably not the determining factor in pricing a Rec now, since the fewer there are left the more their scarcity value rises. The price ticket for even beginning discussions on an agreed deal must be near 1270p a share, to match Central and South West's bid for Seeboard, but there are no signs yet of Weish Water con-templating anything like that amount.

Once a management begins to focus not on business logic and earnings per share but on corporate aggrandisement - as in the North West takeover of Norweh - anything can happen and unfortunately often does. Empire building appears to be an infectious disease. Shareholders should nip this one in the bud before it is too late.

Independents still have a role

Rothschild is clearly feeling the heat. The very fact that the merchant bank felt obliged to put out a statement swearing unshakeable allegiance to the cause of inde-pendence is as revealing as the message itself. It is reacting to a climate of unquenchable

They laughed in the valleys and in the City | into an early disclosure by the Takcover | expectation in the market that, following the | a few years ago when Welsh Water | Panel. There is nothing like a bit of warner this year, the rest of the City's independent houses will tumble like ninepins. The effervescence of Schroder's share price is evidence that the market is not be moved by repeated protestations of independence.

There is little doubt that there are persistent suitors out there. Both ABN Amro and NatWest Group have successful securities operations, but are determined to make good weaknesses in corporate finance and asset management. In particular. Nat West, which has positively trumpeted its ambitions substantially to reinforce its investment banking activities both in London and New York, is viewed in the City as having woefully botched the chance of a strategic leap when it lost out on SG War-

burg to SBC.
With Warburg and Kleinwort Benson gone, as well as Smith New Court, there are ever fewer takeover targets in the City. Schroders, Flemings, Rothschilds and Lazards are the only real options, given Hambros' unusual mix of businesses which would scarcely satisfy anyone looking for a classic merchant bank. But is the market correct in its seeming conviction that further consolidation is inevitable? Certainly, there is a case for arguing that, if there is a time for the families at Schroders or Flemings to eash in, then it is now at the top of the market.

But whatever the force of the argument

for integrated investment banking conglomerates, with massive balance sheets, it is not a universal one. The investment banking market is as diverse as any other. offering ample opportunities alongside the integrated behemoths for the fleet-footed, flexible and focused.

There are corporate clients who still value "pure" advice, unburdened by product and trading concerns. Schroders' recent winning of the German Postbank mandate against American competition proves that big does not always win. There may still be a place for independents, but their numbers will eventually be even smaller than now.

A different note from the Bank

he Bank of England sounds a very dif-I ferent note in its latest Inflation Report from the warnings in the previous two documents. Three months ago, the Bank said that delay in taking action could ultimately result in interest rates having to go higher than would otherwise be the case. Now, with interest rates on hold at their present level at 6.75 per cent for the best part of a year, the Bank counsels a "wait and see" approach.
This is hardly surprising, given the fact that

its central projection of underlying inflation in two years' time is now only fractionally above the Government's objective of 2.5 per cent or less. The Bank also says that the

chances of meeting that target have improved and that it is more likely that inflation could come in below 2.5 per cent. All this, however, is predicated on the assumption of unchanged fiscal policy - and there's the rub.

For the political smoke signals suggest that Kenneth Clarke will spring more of a surprise in his Budget in the way of tax cuts than is commonly recognised. While the Chancellor will no doubt pledge compensating spending cuts, past experience suggests that it will be difficult to sustain them in the runup to an election. In which case, the Bank should be preparing to cry foul and demand an offsetting tightening in monetary policy.

Yet in reality, the debate in their monthly monetary meetings is much more likely in the not too distant future to centre on demands from the Chancellor for a further cut in interest rates. With manufacturing declining in September and a flat housing market, he has an increasingly strong hand to play. As the Bank conceded, the risk of a setback to output through destocking has increased since the last report in August.

The Bank is at pains to emphasise that in previous recoveries output has declined in at least one quarter. Indeed, it points out how "remarkably smooth" the pattern of output growth has been in the present upswing. But if an inventory correction does bring about a temporary fall in GDP, the Bank will find it difficult to resist pressure from the Chancellor for a cut in

Rank names outsider as chief executive

JOHN SHEPHERD

Leisure analysts were yesterday surprised by the announcement that Andrew Teare, head of English China Clays, would succeed Michael Gifford as chief executive of Rank Organisation, the UK's largest leisure group.

"People were expecting a block-busting name. Andrew Teare comes, shall we say, from a different stable," one analyst

Mr Teare will assume control at Rank in the spring, soon after Mr Gifford's 60th birthday. It is understood he will be on a similar remuneration package to Mr Gifford, who earned a basic £330,000 last year.

Many analysts had believed that either an internal candidate would win through, or that Rank would choose an established name from the industry.



No paragon: Andrew Teare to take over the helm

Recent speculation about the likely successor had strongly featured the name of John Conlan

of First Leisure. Mr Gifford said yesterday, however, that people had misunderstood the selection

"We need an expert in the film industry, someone with a thorough understanding of theme parks, an understanding of the mass entertainments business, and someone with

knowledge of office equipment.
"Where do I find this paragon of experience? You don't - you find someone else. There is no point in appointing an expert in bingo, because we already have the expert. It is much easier to understand what the businesses are about, rather than have someone with a narrow view."

Mr Teare, 53, is credited with thoroughly reshaping ECC since he became chief executive of the kaolin and paper co icals group five years ago. He was previously managing director of Rugby Group for six years until 1990, having spent spells at Turner & Newall and Cement Roadstone.

Investors in ECC took a dim view of his departure, and the company's shares yesterday fell 16p to 334p while Rank's rose

Analysts said Mr Gifford's act would be a tough one to follow, given his own thorough re-shaping of Rank since he assumed the chief executive's

Rothschild wants to keep it in the family

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

The Rothschild family has reasserted its determination to retain control of the investment bank bearing its name in an unusual bid to quash market speculation of a sell-out. Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, the bank's chairman, said the family intends to remain in control of the holding company for the invest-ment bank and remains

committed to its independence. The famous banking dynasty holds 75 per cent of Rothschild Continuation Holdings, the parent company. Speculation has focused on NatWest Group, which is known to be looking for a partner to build up its corporate finance and asset man-

agement activities. Lord Alexander, NatWest's

chairman, is understood to have made acquisition approaches to NM Rothschild, and there have also been informal discussions with Schroders and Flemings. All are understood to have emphasised their respective controlling families' determination to remain independent.

It is believed that Rothschild's decision to issue a public reaffirmation of independent strategy was primarily aimed at reassuring corporate clients and its own overseas staff.

But sources at the bank also suggested that the persistent market speculation linking the Rothschild name to NatWest has been prompted in part by unhappiness in some quarters of the bank, notably corporate finance, at what is seen to be a lack of direction.

SFO backs down on Anderson bail

DAVID HELLIER

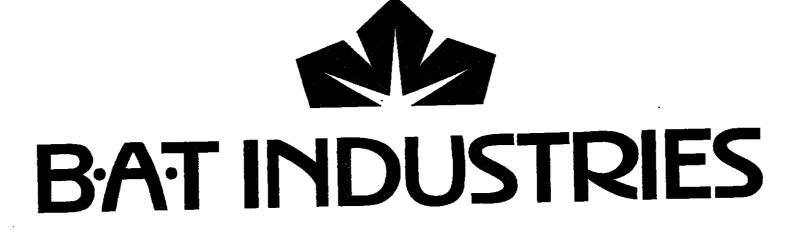
The Serious Fraud Office yesterday backed down in its attempt to block bail for Donald Anderson, the former finance director of the Brent Walker subisidary Golderest who returned to the country after an absence of almost three years to

Mr Anderson's solicitor, face police charges. Michael Coleman of Harkavys. who successfully represented George Walker in his trial, appeared for his client yesterday and was awarded costs by Judge Levy. Mr Anderson will stay in custody until the formalities of his bail are sorted out.

Mr Anderson returned to the country earlier this week to give himself up voluntarily to the SFO, which has charged him on eight counts involving a total of £31.8m. Mr Coleman said that he had returned to the country to face charges because he wanted to get the whole thing

over and done with". On Tuesday Mr Anderson volunteered several conditions for his bail, including sureties of £150,000, the surrender of his passport and an offer to report

to the police twice a day. The SFO said yesterday it would stick with the conditions, which are relatively



Record pre-tax profit

Nine months unaudited results to 30 September 1995

PRE-TAX PROFIT

£1,813m

+22%

EARNINGS PER SHARE

35.6p

+16%

- Record pre-tax profit of £1,813 million for the nine months, based on a good performance from financial services and an exceptional one from tobacco.
- Total financial services trading profit rose by 19 per cent to £789 million. Profit from the general business increased by 30 per cent to £493 million, while the life and investment business was up 4 per cent to £296 million, despite difficult conditions for UK life companies.
- The excellent performance from tobacco continued and profit increased by 34 per cent to £1,207 million. Group cigarette volumes were 20 per cent higher with gains from our domestic and export operations, as well as from the newly acquired businesses.
- The Group as a whole has continued to make impressive progress and, while the first nine months may have shown exceptional growth, we remain on track for a substantial increase on last year's pre-tax profit."

Sir Patrick Sheehy, Chairman

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THE INVESTMENT COLUMN Edited by Magnus Grimond

Vosper steering steady profits course

Vosper Thornycroft, now one of only two warship building yards left in the UK since the demise of Swan Hunter. iand-based peers in the construction industy. Management has proved much more adept at making money shares at 865p, up 5p, on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 15. Fair value, given Vosper's strength. from long-term fixed-price contracts. Profits have risen steadily as a result, locking in healthy gains for investors who bought the shares at 160p when the group was privatised in 1988.

Despite the fall in half-year turnover announced yesterday, current volumes of work are similar to last year. It is only because of Vosper's conservatism in booking profits towards the end of a contract's life that it was able to lift profits by 11 per cent to £11.4m in the six months to September as ships for Saudi Arabia. Qutar and Oman come well on the way to completion.

But as Lord Wakeham, the former Conservative energy minister who now chairs the company, suggests, a company in Vosper's position also needs to maintain a strong order book with the Royal Navy to remain in contention as a serious shipbuilder. That is why the imminent decision on the follow-on order for three Type 23 frigates for the Navy, worth perhaps around £400m, could be crucial.

Vosper's order book has already fallen from over £600m last year to £450m. Although work does not run out completely until 2001, Vosper needs new contracts to keep the yard fully occupied over the next few years.

Management is in discussions with the Saudis to supply a further three minehunters, plus support vessels, following an initial deal to supply three under the Al Yamama 2 arrangement with British Aerospace. That could be worth several hundred million pounds and is the most attractive potential overseas contract from a number of current possibilities. These include tenders outstanding for offshore support vessels for Brunei and missile shins for Kuwait and a frigate order expected to come from the United Arab Emirates in 1997.

Any of those would be enought to secure Vosper's future, but the Type 23 deal would re-establish the company's credentials in the large warship market and help maintain work on steel-hulled vessels at Southampton. Vosper is confident it can beat off the challenge from GEC's Yarrow yard on the Clyde, builder of the first batch of Type 23s. Failure could cost 500 jobs. but would not be disastrous for the company, which anyway should see 40

per cent of its profits come from nonhas fared significantly better than its its of £27.5m this year would put the

NatWest Securities' forecast of prof-

The components for success

Electrocomponents may not be a glamorous business, but it has been one of the most reliable performers on the market in recent years.

Since 1990 its shares have more than trebled and are up by more than 30 per cent this year alone. It has also increased its dividend every year for the past 28 years.

The company has secured a profitable and secure niche, delivering electrical parts to industrial customers who want fast, efficient service and are prepared to pay a premium for it.

Any order placed by 8pm one day will be delivered to the customer by the following morning. The company's technical help lines take 2,000 calls a day and new trade counters are being full-year profits of £98m.

Trading record

Dividends per share (pence)

Cash in the balance sheet

opened so that customers can pick up orders if they prefer.

As well as ensuring fat margins, that level of efficiency requires expensive togistics and warehousing systems which erect high barriers to entry. Electrocomponents and its main competitor. Farnell Electronics, have between them tied up 80 of the UK market.

Electrocomponents is now following its rival in taking the concept of rapid overnight delivery overseas, where this kind of service is a relatively novel idea.

The results speak for themselves. Pre-tax profits in the six months to September were up by 18 per cent to £42m. Sales were up a similar amount to

Far from being a mature market, the UK division is going like a train. Sales at RS Components increased by 16 per cent and the company now has 170,000 British customers.

Net cash stands at £50m despite a prodigious investment programme. The group is spending £40m on a new warehouse in Nuneaton. It is also buying in its overseas distributors and has added Spain and Singapore in the past two months.

Credit Lyonnais Laing is forecasting

Share price

92 93

Vosper Thornycroft: at a glance

15.8

With the shares down 3p at 325p yesterday, that would put the shares on a lofty forward rating of 21, a hefty premium to

Electrocomponents is a quality company as the record shows, but at the cur-rent level the shares are high enough.

Smokers set BAT profits alight

Investors who believe tobacco is a dying business should think again in the light of the latest quarterly results from BAT Industries. Operating profits from tobacco soured by £100m to £388m in the three months to 30 September, lifting the nine-month total from the weed from £761m to £1.05bn

The company's daily sales, topped up by last year's purchase of American Brands' US business, American Tobacco, exceed 1.8 billion cigarettes. While smoking may be on the decrease in more developed nations, there are more than enough markets opening up to keep BAT busy for years.

Even the health-conscious US is yielding better returns. Recent price rises are the first for two years and there are signs that hostilities in the discounting war are beginning to wane. For investors in BAT this will come as welcome news, with the company's giant financial services arm sing Eagle Star, Allied Dunbar and Farmers - now finding the going slightly tougher.

Third-quarter operating profits from financial services rose from £213m to £249m, increasing the nine-month total from £620m to £730m. Allied Dunbar is struggling harder than most in BAT's camp, mainly because of the tough conditions in the pensions and life businesses. The Eagle Star general insurance side is bouncing back, reclaiming ground lost to Direct Line. The company has more than 500,000 policyholders through its own direct insurance operation.

More financial services acquisitions look likely. BAT has hardly kept it a secret that it would like to buy a building society, and there are still plenty to choose from. The possible acquisition of Gartmore, the fund management business, is looking increasingly unlikely.

After a 22 per cent rise to £1.81bn in the nine months, full-year group profits are set to hit £2.34bn. With a prospective yield of 5.5 per cent, the forward multiple of under 12 still makes BAT look cheap, even following yesterday's 14p rise in the shares to 547p.

News Corp hurt by Star-TV costs

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Higher costs at the Asian satellite broadcaster Star-TV and lower earnings from US films depressed first-quarter results at News Corporation, Rupert Murdoch's media empire.

Net income after tax but before extraordinary items to-talled \$210m (£135m), down from \$222m last time. Revenues rose 5 per cent to \$2.2bn.
Fox Television, the company's

US network of stations, shone against the generally weaker trend, managing a 30 per cent rise in operating profits, fuelled The TV performance helped

offset lower profits from the US filmed entertainment division. which includes Twentieth Century Fox, the Hollywood studio. Overall, US operations, accounting for nearly 70 per cent of company-wide revenues, saw operating income climb yearon-year from \$208m to \$221m. In the UK, where the com-

pany publishes five national newspaper titles, including the Sun and the Times, earnings

were down marginally, de-pressed by lower profits in filined entertainment and book publishing. The newspaper di-vision, grouped under the News International subsidiary, performed ahead of last year, despite sharply higher prices for newsprint. Circulation gains, as well as higher revenues from advertising, helped push oper-ating income from newspapers

to \$80m from \$77m. Cover price increases since last year had "little to no effect" on circulation, the company said. Circulation at the Sun remained at the 4 million-plus mark and at the Times at just over 680,000.

BSkvB, 40 per cent owned by News Corp, put in a stellar performance. The satellite and cable broadcaster, which unveiled healthy quarterly earnings on Tuesday, has 4.38 million subscribers. Analysts expect the company to grow even faster if negotiations for rights to Rugby Union's Five Nations Cup and other European matches

end in an exclusive deal. News Corp's operating in-come in Australia and Asia



Rupert Murdoch: Sky's the limit for BSkyB

vas down sharply to just \$122 in the quarter, compared with \$29m last time, due in part to higher development costs at Star-TV where new channels are planned. A new cable service in Australia, Foxtel was launched on 23 October.

Lower earnings from Ansett, the airline and botels group in which News holds 50 per cent interest, also dampened profits in the Far East. The company

Nynex CableComms to stick to discount pricing

MATHEW HORSMAN

Nynex CableComms, the country's second-largest cable operator, will stick to its discount pricing for telephone services, is chief executive, Engene Connell, said vesterday. Following cuts in tariffs introduced by BT in the summer, Nynex has offered a 25 per cent discount to BT's published prices for residential domestic and international calls since last month.

It had already been offering limited discounts prior to the cuts in October, as part of a strategy to increase penetration.

sults for the nine months to 30

Mr Connell made the announcement as he unveiled re-

Electricity takeover: Manweb exodus seen as bonus as group looks to expand on back of profits growth

combined cable television and telephony services doubled to £57m in the nine months to 30 September. Losses continued to mount, however, as the company built out its network. From £51m in the comparable period last year, operating losses rose to just over £78m.

The company has franchises covering 2.69 million homes, in the North of England, London and on the south coast, accounting for about 17 per cent of UK franchised homes.

Average revenues per telephone customer have dropped as a result of aggressive pricing, but revenues overall from telephony have risen sharply. More-

September. Revenues from over, revenues per cable customer were up 8 per cent likefor-like. "This is a reflection of our strategy to increase penetration by pricing competitively," Mr Connell said. Nynex has also cut interconnection charges through increased use of its own switching equipment and has cut dministrative and sales costs by 21 per cent.

By the end of the period, Nynex's network had passed a total of more than one million homes, up from 673 million at the end of 1994. It added 18,000 customers in the third quarter, for a total of 42,000 so far i 1995. Shares rose by 1p to 130p, still below the company's issue price of 137p in May.

	COMPA	NY RESUL	Similar	
	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
BAT Industries (03)	5 96bn (5.43bn)	659m (549m)	13.0p (11 3p)	गर्व (गर्व)
Electrocomponents (I)	257m(217m)	41 9m (35 5m)	6.6p (5 6p)	2.0(1.62)
Ex-Lands (F)	15 4m (5.2m)	1.03m (1.28m)	0.91p (0.98p)	0 5p (0 42)
Hambro Insurance(I)		3.03m (3.05m)	2.75p (2.94p)	1.85p (1.85p)
Henderson Admin (1)	32.8m (34.8m)	9.77m (11.2m)	30 бр (36.4р)	13 Sp (13.5p)
Lowland Invest (F)	•	3.35m (3.0m)	11 27p (9.92p)	6 5p (6p)
Parkized Group (f)	26.0m(24.5m)	1 37m (0.95m)	13.7p (10.2p)	2 2p (2 0p)
Ragian Properties (I)	15.7m (11.7m)	4.18m (3.06m)	2.34p (2.71p)	rā) (raī)
Scottish Power (1)	776m (733m)	127m (123m)	11.4p (11.0p)	5.17 (4.55)
Vosper Tharmeyeraft (I)	114m (129m)	(1 4m (10.3m)	23.9p (21.6p)	á8 (61)
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Scottish Power plans

to spread net wider jobs in its own core operations 80 business customers for its

Industrial Correspondent

About 850 Manweb employees left the company in the run-up to the £1.1bn takeover last month by Scottish Power. Ian Robinson, chief executive of the Scottish group, said he viewed the exodus, part of Manweb's "scorched earth" defence policy as a "surprise" and "bonus".

Mr Robinson said that about 30 more people have left Manweb in the few weeks since the Scottish group moved in but that he has no feeling yet for how many more might go. Scottish Power plans to wait until January before making a statement on the integration of the firm into the enlarged group, and on how the Manweb business will be moved forward.

Mr Robinson also said that Scottish Power would cut 350

tion to 140 people who left in the first half of the year. In the six months to 30 Sep-

tember. Scottish Power made a pre-tax profit of £128m, up 3.9 per cent over the same period last year. Earnings per share rose by 3.8 per cent to 11.4p and the interim dividend increased by 13.6 per cent to 5.17 per share. The company confirmed earlier projections of a full-year dividend of 15.5p.

Scottish Power will continue its drive outside its core electricity operations in areas that include gas, retail and tele-communications. It plans to launch a full public telephone service in Scotland next year. undercutting BT prices for domestic customers by up to 15 per cent. Scottish Power already has

over the next 12 months as a re- fledgling communications arm bre-optic network in the region Mr Robinson is aiming for a 15 per share of the Scottish market within eight or nine years.

The retail operation dou-bled its profit to £4m in the first half on turnover up by 29 per cent. Mr Robinson said that the group continues to look for retail expansion opportunities north and south of the border and envisages adding up to 40 stores over the next five years to its national network of 159.

Scottish Power is pursuing the gas retailing business, with 6,000 customer sites in England, Scotland and Wales. It plans to offer domestic gas supplies in Scotland when the market is fully opened in 1998, but will not take part in next year's pilot in the south-west of England.



director, lan Russell, who are looking to expand services Photograph: Geraint Lewis

NIGEL COPE

NIC CICUTTI

end of Scotember.

Eurocopy, the photocopier group that announced it was in bid talks in August, called off all discussions with potential bidders yesterday.

The company said it had not proved possible to reach a deal that was satisfactory to the chairman, Cyril Gay, and his family, who still control more than 50 per cent of the shares. Eurocopy's shares fell 6p to 77p on the news.

The company said it now intends to return to its policy of growth by acquisition in the rapidly polarising market. It Corp of the US and Ricoh, the

Hambro Insurance Services, the

financial group owned by Ham-

bros Bank, moved to reassure markets that better second-half

results are expected next year, as

it reported a dip in profits to £3.03m in the six months to the

Nicholas Page, managing di-

rector at Hambro Insurance

Services, claimed a boost would

come from loss adjustment

work in the wake of hurricane

claims and subsidence after

this summer's hot weather.

Mr Gay, who is chairman and chief executive, will now devote his time to strategy and business

appointed managing director from 1 December and will be responsible for day to day operations for the company. Mr McCarney joined Eurocopy five years ago from FKI, the engi-

development.
Mike McCarney has been

Hambro Insurance stays confident despite dip

neering company.
When Eurocopy announced it was in preliminary discussions that could lead to an offer, the two groups thought to be involved were Alco Standard

His comments followed a

fall in profits from £3.05m in the

same period last year. Turnover

also dropped from £43.4m in the

half-year to September 1994 to

which offers legal expenses cover and telephone helplines

to other insurers, saw its

turnover rise to £11.1m from

£10.2m in the same period last

year. But profits dropped 5 per cent to £2.5m.

Christopher Sporborg, chair-

man of Hambro Insurance,

said: "The slight fall in profits

Hambro Legal Protection.

£41.2m this year.

Eurocopy sends suitors away will also expand its sales force. Japanese group. The announcement then flushed out several other bidders. But as talks dragged on,

shareholders expressed doubts they would lead to a bid. The negotiations became even more protracted when Eurocopy changed its advisers half way

Matthew Burton, finance director, said yesterday that in the interest of other shareholders Mr Gay would listen to anyone who wanted to talk about an offer for the company, though the family's majority stake rules out a hostile bid. Eurocopy is the last inde-

is attributable to changes in the

timing of scheme renewals and, therefore, of income recogni-

tion." The starting-up costs in-

volved in taking on new busi-

iness were also responsible for the profits decline, he added.

Hambro expects that increased numbers of medium-

sized insurers will want to offer

telephone-based helplines. Oth-

er than a minority of large companies, most will not want

to carry out the job in-house, po-

tentially boosting Hambro's

Beale Dobie, the endowment in profits.

bottom line.

pendent quoted office equip-ment company in the UK. The market has been subject to a wave of takeover activity in recent months. Also Standard and Danka Businesses Systems. also of the US, have been ex-

Group for £81m. In July it acquired Copymore for £23.5m. Ricoh paid £179m for Gestetner in the same month. Other groups, such as Cardinal Businesses Group, formerly known as Berkeley Business Systems, and Eurocopy itself have also been expanding.

policies market-maker also

owned by Hambro Insurance

reported a marginal rise in

profits from £736,000 to

£743,000. The increase came de-

spite a large drop in turnover.

from £15m to £11m. Mr Page said the fall in Beale

Dobie's turnover had been

caused by the fulfilment of its

contract to find suitable policies for a BZW endowment fund.

The company said full-year profits would probably be below last year's £10.5m. Thorntons shares fell 7p to 136p on the news, just 9p above the issue price when the company was floated in 1988. John Thornton, chief executive, said the company had hoped to panding quickly in the UK. In April, Alco beat Danka for recover the summer shortfall during October but had been wrongfooted by the mild early autumn weather.

control of Southern Business British Aerospace's loss-making aircraft operations are "heading for profit", according to Dick Evans, chief executive. The jet production business should break even soon, though the turbo-prop aircraft businesses will take longer. BAE's commercial aircraft arm reported leaves of \$50m in the six months of Section 1.

craft arm reported losses of £59m in the six months to September. Raglan improves to £4.2m

BAe aircraft end losing streak

Ragian Properties has increased pre-tax profits from £3m to £4.2m in the six months to September The company has eash balances of £13.5m and is still looking to acquire industrial and retail property. The board intends to recommend a 1p per share dividend for the full year, the same as last year.

INBRIEF

Thorntons, the chocolate manufacturer and retailer, issued a prof-

its warning yesterday, blaming the warm summer for melting sales.

Thorntons warns on melting profits

Minton to retire at Laporte

Ken Minton is to retire as chairman of Laporte, the chemicals group. Mr Minton, 59, was chief executive until September when Jim Leng joined from Low & Bonar, the packaging group. George Duncan, deputy chairman, will succeed Mr Minton.

Cullens treading water

Cullens Holdings, the convenience store group that abandoned Cullens Holdings, the convenience store group that abandoned a disastrous foray into fast food outlets last year, has reported little progress in the first half. Pre-tax profits for the six months to September increased from £114,000 to £129,000. However op-The Cuningham Group, the company's loss adjustment arm, improved turnover compared with last year, despite a large fall erating profits declined by 14 per cent to £142,000. There is no

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business

Clarke holds key to pre-poll boom

The Bank of England is keep-ing its head when all around are losing theirs. As its chief economist, Mervyn King, said vesterday: "It is somewhat premature to claim the recovery has come to an end." He thinks it more likely economic growth will accelerate over the next two years, and the Bank is clearly sticking to its "wait and see" policy on base rates for now.

More and more City economists, on the other hand, believe the time is ripe for a cut in interest rates. With each new monthly statistic pointing to slower growth and falling confidence, some see Britain teetering on the brink of recession. Who will turn out to be right?

The Budget holds the key. Mr King said the Bank was concerned about the medium- to long-term stance of fiscal policy, and would not be able to assess this until 28 November. Certainly the financial markets' verdict on base rates will depend on how they view Kenneith Clarke's tax and spending decisions. Tax increases this year played a big role in the slowdown. Tax cuts in the Budget might reverse it.

The Chancellor will undoubtedly claim he is sticking to the fiscal straight and narrow. and expenditure will deliver an

Budget cuts that · last are those that cut social security

acceptable profile for the Government's borrowing requirement, and Mr Clarke will renew his commitment to a balanced budget in the medium term.

In practice, however, the tax and spending cuts Mr Clarke is reported to have planned several billion pounds off taxes financed by lower expenditure, especially investment spending - will stimulate the economy. The evidence for this is presented in a paper in the latest issue of the journal Economic Policy. Authors Alberto Alesina and Roberto Perotti assess fiscal policies in 20 OECD debt declined from 120 per countries since 1960 to see how cent to 107 per cent of GDP. different tax and spending combinations affect budget deficits. They investigate which attempts to reduce deficits succeed in achieving a significantly lower

Their first observation is thatwhen governments want fiscal expansion they usually increase spending. But they usually increase general taxation to cut the deficit. Second, on the few occasions when a lower deficit has been achieved through spending cuts rather than tax increases, public investment suffers most. One consequence



ECONOMIC VIEW

DIANE COYLE

omy next year and lead to im-

provement in the government borrowing profile in the medi-

As the Inflation Report ar-

gues, there will be other boosts

to growth in1996. One of the

most important will be the ab-

sence of tax increases, after big

rises for the past two years. This

means higher consumer spend-

As the Bank of England takes

care to point out, judging the

direction of the economy and in-

terest rates is a matter of weigh-

ing probabilities. There is a

go too far. But if Mr Clarke

follows up the Budget boost

with a cut in base rates he will

be tipping the odds heavily in

the current slowdown will

ing will underpin growth.

is that government expendi-ture on welfare payments has risen far faster relative to the economy than general current expenditure.

The budget reductions that last are also the rarest: those achieved through cuts in social security and public sector jobs and wages. "It is not the size of the adjustment that sets aside successful ones from unsuccessful ones; rather it is the

composition," the authors write. Examples of successful deficit reductions include Ireland from 1987-89, the US in 1976 and Britain in 1969, 1977 and 1988. In 1988, then-Chancellor Nigel Lawson announced £4bn of tax cuts in the March budget. The subsequent economic boom led critics to say he had been irresponsible. But as Lord Lawson complains in his memoir, The View From Number 11, public spending excluding privatisation proceeds was flat in real terms in 1987-88 and fell in 1988-89. There was a marked fall in social security spending as a pro-portion of GDP. Both years saw government surpluses - the first since 1969-70.

The earlier successful deficit reductions in the UK were both a matter of crisis management. In 1977 the Chancellor, Denis Healey, was implementing an International Monetary Fund programme, imposed after the previous year's balance of payments crisis. Eight years earlier, Chancellor Jenkins was continuing the post-devaluation austerity programme in-troduced by his predecessor James Callaghan, which included cuts in public spending

plans and an incomes policy. The Irish three-year squeeze is the clearest example of how to go about setting public finances on an improving trend, however. Between 1986 and 1990, social security transfer per cent to 14.3 per cent of GDP, government employment fell from 307,000 to 269,000, and

The authors' conclusion is stark: "Any fiscal adjustment hoping to be successful cannot avoid dealing with cuts in the welfare state and in government

wages and employment." of lower taxes and cuts in pubnlans are achieved.

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Ghostly sales in the cultural wasteland

Down to earth with a bump for Pat Barker, the Booker prize winner who took the £20,000 purse against the odds on Tuesday night. The heady atmosphere of the Guildhall has gone flat for the novelist, who was seen yesterday apparently checking sales in the cultural desert

⇒She was in here but we didn't recognise her," says a spokeswoman for Books Etc in Canary Wharf. Which is a pity. The bookshop had not exactly pushed the boat out on the promotional front and



favour of a pre-election boom. | After the show: News of Barker's av

hard pressed to find a copy of

Simon Pincombe CITY DIARY

"This is nothing to do with not supporting the book," explains Corinne Gotch of Books Etc. "It is a case of living with the collapse of the Net Book Agreement. The window space is often used for price promotions, especially in the run-up to

The shop says it will be making a song and dance of the book, but that it wants to display the other two books in the trilogy. Unfortunately they are still on order. The sooner they arrive the better. Canary Wharf sales of The Ghost Road yesterday amounted to two copies.

With his mitts firmly on the Channel 5 television licence, Greg Dyke feels the time is ripe to extend condolences to the losers. The chief executive of Pearson TV was vesterday seen lunching in Covent Garden with David Asper, head of the CanWest syndicate whose £36m bid was roundly beaten by Mr Dyke's

offer of £22m. "They exchanged pleasantnes and media gossip," said a close friend. "However, Mr Dyke made no offers on joint pro-gramming deals." Still, the two apparently got on so well that anything could happen.

Unparalleled gluttony at the Farmers' & Fletchers' Hall next Thursday, where Chester Boyd, renowned caterer and supplier of groaning tables to at least six City livery compa-nies, gets to grips with the Beaujolais Nouvean. Unless there is a boycott over the nuclear issue this should be a respectable feeding frenzy. Last year 500 guests con-

the full length," burps a liverish liveryman. Sir Tim Bell, the gloss merchant, will no longer want for Wimbledon Centre Court tickets, or indeed cross-Channel ferry tickets. His Chime Communications yesterday paid £500,000 cash for Kensington-based KBH Communications which lists the All England Club and P&O among its clients. Well,

it's probably cheaper than a

sumed untold pots of caviar, 50 pounds of fresh salmon, 20

200 pounds of cheese and 100

vards of French bread. "If you

aid the sausages head to tail

it would have taken Linford

Christie nine seconds to run

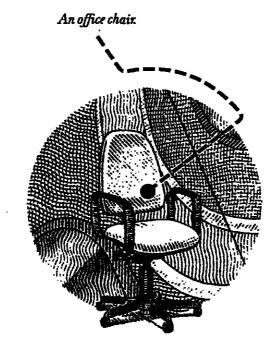
pounds of smoked salmon.

Rudi Giuliani, the Mayor of New York who has long had it in for insider traders and the Maffa, reveals his hand in the war against gambling. Horses and Wall Street aside, gambling is illegal in New York and Mr Giuliani proposes to launch an offshore gambling service which he reckons could earn the City \$20m a year. The plan is for floating casinos to depart from Staten Island eight times a day, carrying 1,500 merry-makers, and cruise the three miles needed to arrive in tuternational waters. "You pay to get on the boat and then lose your money out at sea," said an observer.

If the lunchtime session catches on in Wall Street Mr Giu-

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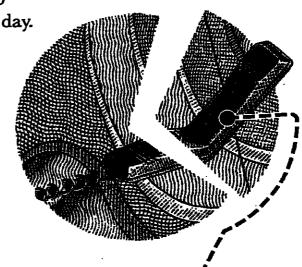
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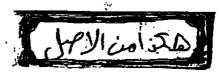
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GEC tizzy prompts thoughts of Weinstock's successor

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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

General Electric Co managed to get the stock market in a rare

old tizzy. It was the heaviest traded blue chip - Seaq put vol-ume at approaching 23 million shares with the price improving 3p to 316p.

The heavy trading surprised

many, and the sudden outbreak of interest prompted thoughts that the group's long, tortuous succession procedure was at last nearing a conclusion.

Lord Weinstock, 72 next summer, has let it be known he intends to step down as managing director of the group he created through a series of spectacular takeovers in the 1960s and has subsequently ruled with an iron hand.

There has, according to the City grapevine, been a furious in-house battle over his successor. The main area of de-

The stock market would appland a non-GEC appointment. After all, the group has a £2bn-plus cash hoard and, it is suspected, a veritable treasure trove of under-performing assets. A break-up exercise

indulging in a mega-takeover

before he reluctantly departs.

A strike for British Aerospace.

for example, would eliminate

cash resources and need the

back-up of a share exchange.

dates for replacing Lord Weinstock are Sir Christopher

Hogg, chairman of Courtaulds;

Peter Levene, former pro-curement chief at the Ministry

of Defence, and George Simpson, the ex-BAe man who now

runs Lucas Industries.

Among the possible candi-

is, therefore, a possibility. There is always the possi-bility that Lord Weinstock will exhaust the cash mountain by



MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter

of the year

SE 100 index gaining 14.7

points to 3,537.1. Firm displays by government stocks, helped by the Bank of England's inflation outlook, and New York contributed to the enthusiasm. Utilities again dominated

the takeover turmoil. Not surprisingly, Welsh Water felt obliged to admit to more than passing interest in its electricity counterpart, South Wales Electricity. It said it was considering a possible £950m offer, around 1,020p a share. Swalec urged caution and its shares surged 70p to 1,058p while the would-be water predator eased 30p to 724p.

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by the Government's clear-ance for a bid for Northumbrian Water, were strong with. for example, Thames Water up 19p to 555p. Among regional electricity companies, Yorkshire, put on 30p to 954p.

The company's continued independence is a testimony to the market's undoubted ability to get its wires crossed. Since the takeover currents started to flow through the Recs nearly a year ago, Yorkshire has been regarded as a surefire bid candidate. Such vi-sion will ultimately be realised, but so far Yorkshire has displayed an infuriating reluctance to fall in with market

confectionery and soft drink group, had an intriguing session with the inevitable takeover stories (Unilever or

Nestlé) going the rounds. There appeared to be keen US buying, which could indicate strong trading at Cadbury's Dr Pepper offshoot. Another theory was that Cadbury had at last decided to put United Biscuits out of its seeming perennial misery and mount a rescue takeover. Cadbury rose

16p to 544p and UB 6p to 267p. GKN, ahead of an investment dinner at London's Savoy Hotel, added 4p to 805p. Hen-derson Crosthwaite, hosting the event, expects profits of £305m this year.

clambering into bed with Lloyds Bank remained in demand, up 4p to 400p. Lloyds fell 2p to 814p.

RTZ, the mining giant, im-proved 11p to 916p following

TSB, the banking group

aged a 5.5p gain to 399p after

meeting analysts.

Guinness continued to suffer a prescatation hangover, falling 3.5p to 485.5p. SBC Warburg reckons the target

price is 460p.

Glaxo Wellcome was another in the dumps following a presentation, off 12p at 875p;

Arjo Wiggins Appleton and David S Smith reflected mounting problems in the pa-Eurocopy, the office equip-ment group, tumbled 6p to 77p as it admitted bid talks were off

and Ex-Lands shaded to 25p after confirming plans to split its leisure and property operations into separate quoted

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experiencing better trading.

Cadbury Schweppes, the a presentation and Dixons, after the recent flood, the onfectionery and soft drink the electrical retailer, manflow of companies to AIM has settled to a gentle trickle. Due to arrive today is David Glass, a firm of managing

per cent yield.

agents with IL000 leasehold properties.

Profits are expected to be £550,000 this year, putting the shares, at their 60p placing price, on 8.5 times prospective earnings and a 6

Northamber, the computer hardware and software distributor, traded around its peak at 252p. Trading is known to be going well and interim figures later this month will prompt heady forecast revisions, perhaps approaching £6m. Last year

profits were £3.1m. Benson Crisps, which has felt fierce competition from the snack food giants, added 4p to There is also the possibility 22p on talk it went round it was per cent and could be pre-

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Lower ambitions for Action

GREG WOOD

to introduce Large Action to a new career over fences seems unlikely to attract the attention of the Nobel Prize committee. current champion, is still quot-After just one successful but unconvincing Outing over the larger obstacles, Oliver Sherwood's stable announced yesterday that the gelding, who has been placed in the last two runnings of the Champion Hurdle, is now expected to revert to timber in the hope that he can make it third time lucky.

Large Action's chasing debut at Uttoxeter was an eventful race, with three horses depart-ing at the first and Large Action himself, despite starting at long odds-on, rarely fluent at his fences. Sherwood commented immediately afterwards that 10-1 with a run for the Champion Hurdle" would be a useful bet, and yesterday a spokesman for the stable said: "Large Action jumped adequately at Uttoxeter but Mr Sherwood feels Irish and Yorkshire Oaks win-

that he will be happier over hur- along with Brief Gale, last year's want her to run over three and Man can hardly be called good has really opened up now with As experiments go, the attempt Relkeel, Danoli and Alder-brook all sidelined."

Only two of those horses. however, are definitely out for the season. Alderbrook, the though Large Action is now closing in on favouritism. Ladbrokes cut him to 9-2 from 6-1 yesterday, behind only Alderbrook (3-1 with a run from 4-1) and Montelado (4-1 from 7-2).

Large Action will now miss the First National Bank Chase at Ascot on Saturday week, in which he would have been asked to carry top weight of 12 stone

Grain will attempt to turn the

trend in the £2.6m Japan Cup

The Michael Stoute-trained

in Tokyo on 26 November.

dles. The Champion Hurdle Sun Alliance Chase winner. a quarter miles without getting Despite that burden, however, a run into her first." Josh Gifford's mare remains a possible runner in the race.

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Royal Ag Nag (Towcester 3.50) NB: Over The Stream (Towcester 2.50)

"If we get some rain Ascot might he the right place for her," Gifford said yesterday, "as she would only have to give away a stone and a half, but she will not run anywhere until we get some rain. I took her out of the Hennessy as I wouldn't

Grain bears British hopes in Japan

Despite the recent reverses for British runners abroad, Pure named among the 11 foreign in in the race in 1991 and he fin-

named among the 11 foreign in-

vitees announced by the Japan

Racing Association vesterday.

said: The plan is for Pure

Grain to run and John Reid will

A spokeswoman for Stoute

Another significant absentee

when the latest declarations for the Hennessy Gold Cup were released yesterday was Barton Bank, who will run next in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day rather than the Newbury race on 25 November. The ante-post favourite for the Hennessy with Ladbrokes is One Man, last year's winner, despite the fact that his jumping deteriorated towards the end of last season and that he is now asked to race from a 25lb higher mark than

12 months ago The 7-2 on offer about One

ished seventh. Mr Stoute has

gone into the preparation thor-

oughly and Pure Grain will go

out there in four or five days as

they are strict on quarantine."

value, but with the betting then 10-1 bar, there should be interesting prices further down the list. The remainder of Ladbrokes odds are: 10-1 Val D'Alone, Rough Quest, 12-1 Cogent, Earth Summit, Jodami. Young Hustler, 14-1 Monsieur Le Cure, Morgan's Harbour, Unholy Alliance, 16-1 bar.

The racing at Newbury yesterday was of a rather more modest nature, with just 26 runners in the six races, but the course could at least announce plans to revitalise its other major National Hunt event, the Tote Gold Trophy Handicup Hurdle in February.

Some might feel that with horses of the calibre of Deep Sensation and Large Action among its recent winners, the race is in reasonable health, but the course clearly believes that the high quality of entries is taking the contest away from its roots as a rough-and-tumble handicap.

Added prize-money for next year's renewal will be raised to £80,000 from £50,000, but a new



Gifford: Brief plans

system, devised by the the British Horseracing Board's race-planning department, will attempt to prevent top-class hurdlers from compressing the handicap. Horses will carry an extra pound, over and above the top weight of 12 stone, for every pound by which their offical rating exceeds 170.

In practice, this may simply deter the Champion Hurdle contenders from running in the Newbury race, but in the run-up to the Festival they have plenty of alternatives. If the move sees a return to the race's glory days as an unmissable betting highlight, few punters will com-

things after injury restricted him to just four outlings tast term. Eurobulst heat Zamharreer half a length at York in October, 1994, before a successful switch to hundling and, although only mith in the corresponding York handcap this pine round, he didn't do body considering that was his first nor in mipre than seven months and his first for Steve Kettiewell after leaving last Eyer. Notitievelt has booked Graham Lee, who won on Eurobust first time out a fact season, while Zamhareer looks as though he should go well book over hundles after for efforts in lag fields in Pox handcaps.

Selections BROCTIME BAY.

3.10 MIDDLEMAS LICENSED TRADE WHOLESALER HANDICAP

	<u> </u>	CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m 6t 110yds	H	ı
	PF25-P1	WHAT FETTLE (18) (CD) (Alacierton Mills) G Richards 10 12 0	U	
•	1/11141	BAYROUGE (26) (C) (A Sherath) Mrs M Reveley 7 11 9	11	
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ļ	12214-1	EMERALD STORM (12) (CD) (T P Frich) P Montenti 8 10 11	11	
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i		CROSS CANNON (13) U A Heltens) J Heltens 9 10 7 R Gamitty	, ,	Г
	1/5132-	DEEP DECISION (IBS) (Alan Carns) P Cheestrough 9 10 1	H	Ĺ
	OL/OPUP	LEPY MINISTREL (1941) (CD) (Roymond Anderson Green) C Parker 10 10 0	łł	1
ı	5P41P3	GALA WATER (230) (Mrs T D C Dun) T Dun 9 10 0	Н	l '
		- 9 declared -	ı	1

n weight: 10st, True handicap weight: Gata Water 9st 7tb. FORM GLEDE

We do not really know how good BAYROUGE is over tences, because she beat nothing of we so not reary know now good surrequests to over tenses, occasions has been nothing or note in winning these novote chases, and she was hampered and got no further than the third when she went down to kempton for the Charsma Gold Cup won by General Rusty. Only seven and relatively unexposed when in comes to chasing, Bayrouge can probably improve at this game, in witch case the more experienced horses won't find it easy to beat her. Having said that, Bayrouge will have to run her best race over fences so far if she's to get the better of What Fettle, from the in-form Gordon Richards stable and very difficult. beat round here, Most of these will struggle to stay with Whaat Fettle and match his sound to bear found neet, whost of these twill strugge to stay with whiteal reque and meant his south jumping, but one possibility is Emeralid Storm, who manably ran well first time out for Nich-Henderson and who made a winning start for Peter Montetth here 12 days ago, pulling of first Nicolgan and then Nusrhaaloo. Like Bayrouge, Rweleigh Builded doesn't have a great deal of chesting expenience to draw upon but the looks more likely to make a race of it than most of the others and should be thereabouts after going down a head to Whoat Fettle's stablemate. Ninfle, at Carlisle. Ninfle didn't do the form any harm when numer up to Romany.

3.40 LANGHOLM DYEING COMPANY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2m 110yds

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,	454400-	HADIX (292) (N Storey) W Storey 4 11 0 R McGrath (7)	ı
ī	0.32263	BLOCKHING SPRING (14) (Mrs. Jean McGregor) Mrs. D Thomson 6 10 10	ł
3	POP-845	BOLENEY STRL (15) () Proughout F Mayreeth 6 10 10	
•	54-4523	AMBER HOLLY (14) (Mrs E M Dront) J Dron 6 10 5 B Storey	Ł
10		KENTREPALEY BOY C3420 M/s Susan McDonaldi M/s M Reveloy 5 10 0	ı
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BETTME: 9-2 Blooming Spring, 5-1 Reviews, 11-2 Archar Holly, Manberley Boy, 6-1 Bolamey Girl, Izza, 8-1 Josephs, 10-1 Marco Magalilice, 16-1 others
1994: Wee River 5-10-11 J Callegian 6-1 (6 M Moore) 11 ran FORM GUIDE
Jonaem was backed at long odds before chasing home Wiki Rose Of York in a non-hand-cap seller at the last meeting, but the winner had plenty in hand and even of Jonaem has improved last season he might be pushed to give away the weight in this handloop. It's impossible to have much confidence in MARBERLEY BOY, whose four extempts over hundles have been reference conversation. In it the is the first crack as handles and the first term. possible to have much confidence or KRMBERILEY BOY, whose four attempts over hundles have been far from encouraging, but this is his first crack at a handicap and he finds himself getting weight from horses that wouldn't look out of place in a select. If anyone can improve him and ger a little hundle race out of him. It's surely Many Reveloy, and she has a bit to work on an that Kimberley Boy managled to win a seller on the Flat in the spring, Bolaney Man comes into the rectioning on her fourth to Nomos over this two miles two races ago. Second, third and fifth behind Norlois were subsequent winners Desert Fighter, Monkey Wench and Durham Drapes, and Bolaney Gal might not have lasted home over the stiff course in Sally Cay's race at Carlete last time. Izza was fourth to Stay Awake here last month and "go close if she can produce something the that again, but Recluse was beaten at odds, in a poor amateurs' race on his last visit. He has moved from Michy Hammond to Linda Penrati, since then but it remains to be seen if that and the drop in distance makes a difference.

KELSO

.10 Juke Box Billy 1.40 Wild Rose Of York 2.10 Addington Boy (nb)

HYPERION

2.40 Dancing Dove 3.10 EMERALD STORM (nap) 3.40 Recluse

Undulating rourse. Bun-in of 2f. Course is borth of town off B6461. ADMISSION: Chib 512; Tauersalls 58 (OAPs 53, accompanied under-10s free. CAR PARE: Free.

ERADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: Mrs M Reveley - 10 weiners from 122 run-

mrs gives a success ratio of 32.5% and a profit to a 51 level state of 58.75; 6 Richards - 25 varieties, (11 ratioest, 23.4%, 45.11.74; M Hammond - 14 winners, 79 rangers, 17.7%, 430.95; Mrs J Goodfellow - 13 winners, 16 rations, 28.3%, 42.5, 72.

LEADING JOCKETS: P Nives - 47 wins, 117 rides, 90.2%, 43.55,71; B Storey - 25 wins, 140 rides, 17.7%, 535.94; A Dobbin - 20 wins, 193 rates, 19.4%, 45.25,71; B Storey - 25 wins, 140 rides, 17.7%, 535.94; A Dobbin - 20 wins, 193 rates, 19.4%, 45.25,71; Moloney - 14 wins, 61 rides, 23.0%, 53.24.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Dancing Dove 12.40) was at Market Rasen on Thursday, LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Marble (1.40) has been sent 168 miles by M Mengher from Westbeed, Lanceship.

from Westhead, Lanvashire.

Ĺ	1_10	R. P. ADAM AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICE HANDICAP CHAS (CLASS F) £4,000 added 2m 1f
1	3341/2	ALLIMAC NORRS (124) Westerry Record Burerari M Hammond 6 12 0
.2	0/05	CATANOL (FFO) (13) (Ms S Smeth) Mis S Smeth 6 12 0 Mr P Marray
3	35-:20-2	JUNE BOX BBLLY (44) (Everaldo Pannershap) P Montento 7 11 7
		ORD GALLERY (18) (G Smell 7 Dyer 6 11 4
		ANOTHER NICK (5) () S Hubback) J Hubback 9 10 13

— 5 declared — GETING: 5-4 Allumo: Nomis, 6-4 Jule Box, Billy, 6-1 Ord Gallery, 8-1 Cataldi, 12-1 Another Nick 1994: Sparesh Far 6 12 O J Burle 11-8 (Mrs 5 A Bormath 6 can

FORM GUIDE

#UNC BOX BILLY was no match for Addington Boy at Sedgefield in September on Ms first run for Peter Montenth but there is nothing as good as Addington Boy in this line-up. Having managed four clear rounds over lences, Juke Box Billy's expenence gues hat the edge over the others, best of which could be Allimac Nomils, going chasing for the first time on his first outing for Micky Harmmond other being bought out of han Campbel's yend for 6,500gms. Although he has not raced since chasing home invoicent George at Market Resen in July, Allimac Nomis has been well entered up recently. Taken out of a similar race at Hednam last week, he could be pretty fit and this trip should suit him more than it does Julie Box Bally. Ord Geallery was still in with a chance when coming down two out on his reappearance at Hednam, suggesting he resents the ability to win a little race, but that looked a weak nowloce hurdle and Ord Gellery must also put behand him a poor run at Wetherby. Sue Shuth's double at the last meeting included SO-1 shot Celtic Silver and lightly-raced Cadalatin hight. FORM GUIDE double at the last meeting included 50-1 shot Cefuc Silver and lightly-raced Catalitis might do before now his nine hast fences.

Selection: JUNE BOX BILLY.

SCOTDISC SELLING HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added 2n

- 19 declared BETTING: 11-4 Wild Rose Of York, 5-1 Rundy, 11-2 Brackenthrolte, 6-1 My Handy Man, 7-1 Tales, 8-1 Sharp Af Sb., 10-1 Passion Sunday, 12-1 Charlistions, Marble, 14-1 others

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WIDNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE SUNNERS: Sea Breaker (2.20) has been sent
200 miles by D Cantillon from Newmarket, Suffolk.

1.30 SHOREDITCH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 added 2m 1f

2.00 ORCHARD PORTMAN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,400 added 2m 15

kindrum: JOS: True meights. Sharp Gazele 92:12th, Assembly Dancer 93: 3th, BETTENGS 7-2 Named Time, 4-1 Little Hoofigen, 9-2 Year's Mich. 6-1 Rainbow Walk, 8-1 Lorcanjo, 12-3. Sharp Gazele, 14-1 others

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FORM GLEDE

Dick ARan is not asking a great deal of MY HANDY MAN on his first run over hurdes and he might just upset more expenenced horses, such as Wild Rose Of York, Brackenthwalte and Roserig. My Handy Man Insen's thom much on the Fist recently, usually at around a mile, but his second blace in an 11-furing medien at Southwell IAMY suggests he has the necessary stamina and he was also runner-up in a nine-hurlong handicop at Hamilton in the spring, so he is not without ability. Brackenthware has been michy to win with on the Fist for a while now but he is back in a seller after a law sixth behind Can Can Charler in a nonce event at Market Rasen. Pout Carberny's only ride of the day, Brackenthware runs here tritter than carry 12 stone in the last. Also entered in that nowas handicap was Wild Rose Of York, bearen three tengths by Runnig at Sedgefield two months ago but who has proved more successful ance, as a result of having her signs kept proby low. Runnig will find like easier in this seller after being found warring his handicaps. Tallos beat only one home in a staying transition on the Fist at Edinburgh lest Thursday but had run respectably in a big field at Not-

ungham beforehand. Sure to be fit, he must be given a chance how he is dropped into a seller over hundles. Selection: MY HANDY MAN.				
	2.10	MACKINNON OF SCOTLAND REG TWEEDIE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 3m 1f Penalty Value £3,881		
1	32211-1	URON V (FFR) (153) (Guy Faber and Peter Amplet) Mrs M Roveley 9 11 12P Niven		
2		GALE AHEAD (13) (CD) (John Robson) G M Moore 5 11 10		
3		ADDRESTOR BOY (18) (BF) (Cott Foods Littings) G Richards 7 (18		
4	2/560-	MCNY-SIGP (228) (Trevor Hemmings) Nas S Smith 6 11 4		
5	00023-F	MICRE JOY (6) (Mrs L Marstell) Mrs L Marstell 7 11 4		
6	4P4-P3P	REVER BLE (12) () Walls) W Reed 6 11 4		
7	P04P4/	ROCKET RUN (581) (Peter) S Russell) Mass L V Russell 7 11 4 A Thornton		
8		WOLFSVILLE (13) Exas of the late Mr R R Lambi D Lamb ? 11.4Mr A Manners		
9		BLACK MAGIC WOMAN (180) (I A Hellers) Hellers 7 10 13		
10		CADMITTO (220) (Mr. R Butters) R Researc S 10 13		

11 6440-PO SECONG GOLD (12) (Giy) | Backay 6 10 13 BETTING: 2-1 Urgs V. 9-4 Addington Box, 5-2 Gale Absort, 14-1 Moor-Skip, 16-1 Black Magic Woman. Carmetto, Rocket Rom, 25-1 others 1994: Son Of Ins 6 11 O P Niven 13-8 (Nrs M Reveley) 5 ran

It is early days, but Cumbrian Challenge was talked of as a potential Cheltenham horse after bearing ADDRISTION BOY at Westnerby. Addington Boy might have found the two-mile mark last season. Addington Boy wasn't stopping when successful in minor events at Sedgefield and Bearger and looks well worth thying over this staying trip, although he can't afford to be short of standria with Union V in opposition. A couple of wins at the end of last season suggest that thore V has sorted out the dodgy jumping that made thim a risby proposition early on in his chasing coreer and, with the Reveley horses in good form, it would be no surprise if he turned up fightness (fine thinself) in a much tougher heat today but he's a fightly-roaced and improving live-year-old who has taken well to chasing. Rocket Rum ost 26,000grs at Doncaster after his successful season in point-to-points but he'll be doing well to get the letter of all three winning chasers.

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Mark Johnston was yesterday still mystified by Double Trigger's flop in Tuesday's Melbourne Cup. "Double Trigger is great and in amazing form. He looks extremely well," the Middleham trainer said. "Jason Weaver said he was never right in the race and tactically we would do things differently if the race was run again. But that's not enough to explain why he stopped so quickly a mile out when he had every chance to run on." Johnston faces quite a wait for the results of dope tests carried out on the 7-2 favourite who trailed in 17th of 20 in Australia's most prestigious race. "We're not coming back until next Tuesday with the horse but I don't expect to have the results by then," he said. The race was won by Doriemus, with the 1993 winner, Vintage Crop, a fast-finishing third.

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£5.22. 3.00: 1. FRONTIER FLIGHT (E Husband) 7-2; 2. Supermick 3-1; 3. Tykeynor evens fav. 7 rap. hd. 9. (Miss. L. Suddal, Tadoes-er). Totas £4.60; £2.50, £2.80. Dual Fore-

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Fower). Tota: £14.70; £3.90, £2.10, £2.20, DF: £52.50. Computer Straight Foreast: £43.02 Tim: £133.80. Titicast: £325.05. 1.10: 1. DANCING HEART (6 Hermon) 5-1; 2. Present Situation 5-6 tar; 3. Montone 12-1, 11 ran. 4. 144. (6 Mechan). Tota: £7.40; £2.20, £1.30, £3.00. DF: £3.50, CSP: £9.88. Tincast: £49.67. Tim: £9.60, Non Rui-

140: 1 ROMAN GOLD (R Pemam) 13-8 Lags 1. Human Sans (Frenchin) 13-8 5x; 2. Frae Godfrey 8-1; 3. Steamfroller Stealy 18-1. 11 cm. 4, 25; 18 Harnoni, Tota: £2-60; £1.30, £2.20, £3.40. DF; £11.60, CSF; £15.46. The: £47.30. Non Runner: Catch The Lights. 2.10: 1. MOI CANARD (P Fessey) 4-1; 2.

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cast £140.64. 3,40: 1. RIVER KEEN (W Woods) 10-1; 2 South Eastern Fred 9-2; 3 Dance So Suite 2-1 to. 11 ren. 1, 5. (R Armstrong). Tota: £12.00; £4.80, £2.70. £1.50. DF: Tate: £12:10; £4.60; £2.70. £38.20. CSF: £52.15. Tricast £117.16. Tric: £78.90. NR: Se Other. After a stewarts' inquiry and an objection by the second to the winner, result unaltered.

Jackpet: not won (pool of £2,664,40 cented forward to Keleo today).
Placepot: £49,00, Quadpot: £10.50. Place 6: £15,95. Place 5: £4.16.

Scotland aim to lift World Cup

Golf

Sam Torrance aims to complete a memorable season by helping Scotland break the American stranglehold on the World Cup. Colin Montgomerie, who

beat his compatriot to the European No 1 position this year, has been ruled out of the fourday contest in Shenzhen, China, but Torrance, who will now team up with Andrew Coltart, the other member of Scotland's Dunhill Cup-winning trio, insisted: "I feel brand

"I have played a lot of golf. but they are all huge events and it's easy to get up for them. It is great to play for Scotland. The Dunhill Cup win was just fabulous and winning here would be a good way to top the

vear. While the Scots are confident of ending Fred Couples and Davis Love's bid to earn tle, Wales have been hit by the over 72 holes.

withdrawal of Ian Woosnam with a back injury. Phillip Price, 110th on this season's European money list, has been called up to partner Mark Mouland.

England will be represented by Mark Roc and Paul Broadhurst, and Ireland by Darren Clarke and Philip Walton. New Zealand lead the non-British challenge to the Americans, with Frank Nobilo and Michael Campbell fresh from winning titles on different continents.

"Both of us are a bit tired, but the wins have boosted our confidence and I think we have a good chance," said Nobilo, who triumphed in the Sarazen World Open in Atlanta, while Campbell lifted the Alfred Dunhill Masters title in In-

donesia. Unlike the Dunhill Cup, which pits competing countries against each other in a team strokeniay format, the World Cup is decided on the aggrethe US a fourth successive ti- gate score of both players

Parke earns a tilt at Jansher

Squash

Nottingham's Simon Parke stamped his authority on the World Open in Nicosia, Cyprus, yesterday by defeating the Pakistan No 2, Zarak Jahan, to set from tonsillitis through much of up a quarter-final with Janshlast season and entered hospier Khan, the top-seed and de-

fending champion. The fifth-seeded Parke defeated Zarak 15-4, 16-17, 15-8, 15-8 in 67 minutes. He will now draw encouragement from the last time he beat Jansher, which was in the second round of the Dutch Open in 1991.

Jansher, who defeated Pakistan's third string, Mir Zaman Gul, 15-3, 15-6, 15-7 in 28 minutes yesterday, is aiming for a record seventh world title. Parke, at 23, is three years younger but is taking part in his the top seed and world seventh senior World Open champion, Michelle Martin, of and has earned a world junior title along the way in 1990.

Later in the men's event, the third-seeded Scottish champion. Peter Nicol, was surprisingly beaten 13-15, 17-15, 15-7, 15-8 in 63 minutes by Finland's Sami Elopuro, the 12th seed. The 22-year-old suffered

tal for surgery during the summer. "I am just not as fit as I used to be," he admitted after letting slip an early lead. In the women's Grand Prix event, played alongside the men's World Open, Yorkshire's Suzanne Horner reached the

quarter-finals, defeating Sabine Schone of Germany 9-1, 4-9, 9-5, 9-2 in 37 minutes. Sue Wright, of Kent, joined her in the last eight by defeating the Scot Senga Macfie 9-1, 9-1, 9-1 and will now play

Australia. Results, Sporting Digest, page 31

Sports Letters

Gentleman's excuse me

From Mr G Power Sir: In an age where rugby reaches forward to grasp the cold hand of change, which shakes the game in the di-rection of élitism, while the game becomes choked on the pitch, is it not time the "genilemen's" game played the "gentlemen's" card? I am speaking of those who sacrifice much of their time to the

game and rarely (until re-

cently through professionalism) go rewarded. Simon Brown, Harlequins' prop, who has been a stalwart back in the rugby union fold in the team's dream start to the and starving him of opportu-season, will no doubt return to nities on the field. This used to second's rugby as soon as Jason Leonard is passed fit. His efforts will not go unrewarded - he will surely be praised at the end-of-season dinner! Simon Geoghegan, world-class winger, has only last week been promoted to Bath's first team,

I propose that all top division clubs be forced to make George no dragon two non-injury related changes every week bar two weeks (to allow the full First XV team to play), therefore allowing at least two "seconds" players to display their abilities at the top-

Surely this would be advanfuture through invaluable ex-perience. This reward for secincentive for everyone to push for a first-team place, while making matches more interesting for the spectator and the outcome less clear-cut. Yours faithfully. **GAVIN POWER**

Sourpuss Catt

From Mr G M Williams Sir: What does Mike Catt think he is doing? In an article in the Independent (7 November), he manages in one fell swoop to malign two erstwhile English colleagues (Rob Andrew and

criticise the general attitude of English sportsmen and women (they "don't possess mental toughness").
Is this what the new age of

professionalism is all about? Does it occur to Catt, a South African, that this sort of talk is hardly likely to endear him to his colleagues? They will be looking over their shoulders and thinking that if he can do this sort of thing to Andrew, who, whether Catt likes it or not, has won more games for England than Catt is ever likely to, then

he will do it to them as well. It is all very depressing - on Sunday we saw team-mates of Jonathan Davies at Cardiff clearly not keen to see him be the team game par excellence, but is it all now to be destroyed by professionalism? G M WILLIAMS

Arsenal no drag -

From Mr A Corton Sir: With the failure of so many British football teams in Europe this year, is it not time that the footballing community recognised the achieve-ments of Arsenal over the tageous to every top club, as last two seasons and, of players will be groomed for the course, the much maligned manager George Graham. As an Arsenal supporter I enonds players' efforts will be an joyed greatly the European games and have to say that George's tactics were spot on, and I would take this opportunity of saying to other managers, if Arsenal can get it right so can they. Yours.

ANDREW CORTON 1 November

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TODAY'S FIXTURES FA YOUTH CUP First round: Plymouth Argyle v Charlion Athletic (7.0).

Football BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND Premier Division: Dundalk v Gelway (7.45). PONTINS LEAGUE First Division: Bolton Wallderers v Liverpool (7,0); West Brommach Al-

Other sports M: Volvo World Cup (Miller

ash Figure Stealing and less Dance

7 November

He gets across the impression that only the titanic efforts of America's athletically minded have kept sport going this long

On a bright morning in San Diego it is probably safe to assume that few if any people outside the United States know immediately the name Emie Nevers and consider him to be among the 10 greatest sporting figures of all time.

Nevers, who is said to have performed prodigious feats of speed and mobility when turning out for Stanford University as a running back in the gridiron game more than 60 years ago, is given exalted status by Bert Randolph Sugar in a book to celebrate the careers of 100 rtsmen ai i sportswomen he thinks supreme in history.

As Sugar never removes his fedora in public and goes around Jordan (basketball).

chomping on a large cigar, it has long since been concluded, especially in boxing circles, that he is a fully paidup eccentric.

However, the status Sugar accords Nevers in The Hundred Greatest Athletes of All Time has less to do with a capricious nature than insular per-ception. With the exception of Pele, who is in eighth place, and reading downwards, Sugar's top 10 is comprised entirely of American heroes; Jim Brown (gridiron), Jim Thorpe (decathlete), Babe Didrik-son Zaharias (golf), Jackie Robin-son and Babe Ruth (baseball), Jesse Owens (athletics), Wilt Chamberlain (basketball), Nevers and Michael

widespread reputations, a good question is how would they rate in

This applies absolutely to Sugar's overall list in that it does not include a footballer other than Pele, and Sir Donald Bradman (misspelt, Broadman) is the only cricketer. Nobody by. Another American, Al Unser, is the lone representative of motor racing, "That is because he won the In-dianapolis 500 as well as on the Grand Prix circuit," Sugar said last week in Las Vegas shortly before Riddick Bowe demolished Evander Holyfield. Well Bert, so did Graham



Another inexplicable omission is that of Lester Piggott, perhaps supreme among horsemen who is

relegated to a supplementary roll call

ordinary CB Fry and Juan Fangio. who was born and raised in Czechoslavakia, the Romanian gymnast, Nadia Comaneci and the Dutch athlete, Fanny Blankers-Koen, it too is dominated by Americans: Zaharias, Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Wilma Rudolph (ath-letics), Chris Evert and Billie Jean King (tennis) and Sonja Henie (ire

Since the majority of American sports fans are stubbornly isolations? in anitude and Sugar is typical of them, it was unlikely that his selec-

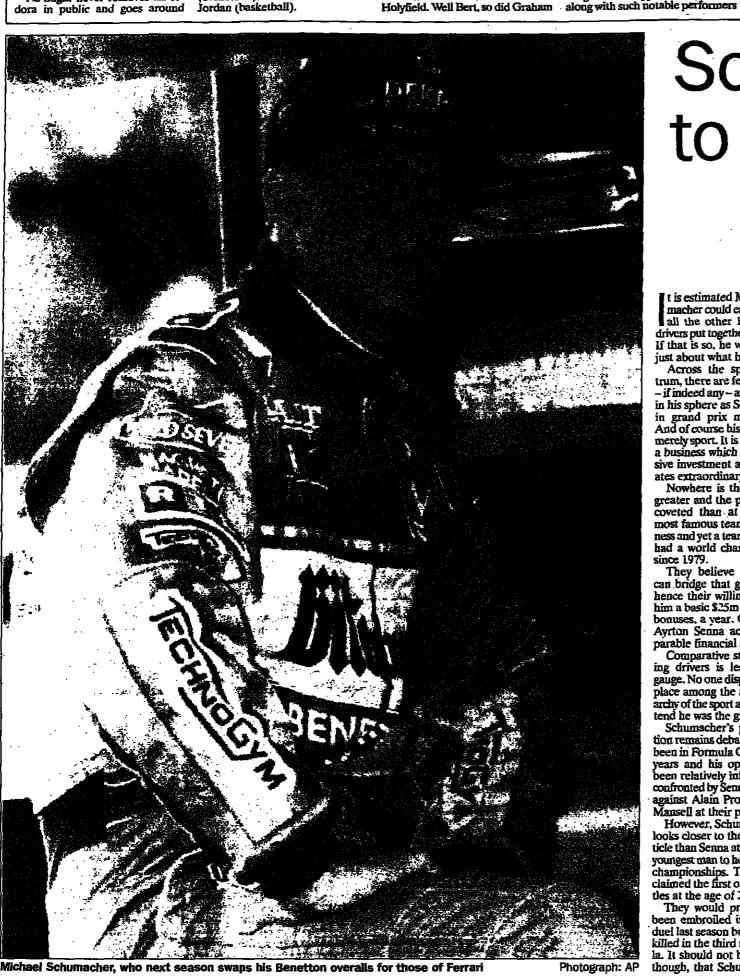
ions held internationally. only the titanic efforts of America's athletically minded have kept sport going this long, and that the whole business would be in a sorry state

without their contribution. isher would want to trust Sugar with his money, you can have fun with something like this. You can point out, for example, that if drawn up in most other countries, a similar list

mad Ali, who transcended boxing. He gets across the impression that in first position. A personal view is that Ali for social as well as sporting reasons, stands above all others. Advance publicity for Sugar's book poses the question. "Why is pro-football's running back Jim Brown the No 1 athlete ever?" If suggested to most people in the wider world of sport it would draw

a blank expression. Jim who? you imagine a lot of them asking.
Great player that he was, to suppose that Brown is more significant. in history than Ali and Pele is

As for Nevers, it was almost im



Schumacher poised to overtake them all

Derick Allson argues that Germany's F1 world champion, who can set a record for grands prix wins in a single season on Sunday, is already one of the sport's greats

all the other Formula One If that is so, he will be getting just about what he is worth.

Across the sporting spec-trum, there are few individuals - if indeed any - as pre-eminent in his sphere as Schumacher is in grand prix motor racing. And of course his sphere is not merely sport. It is also business. a business which attracts massive investment and he generates extraordinary prestige.

Nowhere is the investment greater and the prestige more coveted than at Ferrari, the most famous team in the business and yet a team that has not had a world champion driver

They believe Schumacher can bridge that gap for them, hence their willingness to pay him a basic \$25m (£16m), plus bonuses, a year. Only the late Ayrton Senna achieved comparable financial stature.

Comparative stature as racing drivers is less simple to gauge. No one disputes Senna's disqualified place among the all-time hierarchy of the sport and many contend he was the grandmaster.

tion remains debatable. He has

been in Formula One only four years and his opposition has been relatively inferior to that confronted by Senna, who raced gainst Alain Prost and Nigel Mansell at their peak. However, Schumacher at 26 looks closer to the finished article than Senna at 26 and is the

youngest man to hold two world

championships. The Brazilian claimed the first of his three titles at the age of 28. They would probably have been embroiled in the classic duel last season but Senna was killed in the third race, at Imola. It should not be forgotten, though, that Schumacher had

t is estimated Michael Schu- won the two previous grands dancy in recent races poses macher could earn more than prix and Senna's spin in vain fresh questions about Hill's pursuit at Interlagos betrayed a lingering vulnerability.

Damon Hill, who took up the challenge for Williams-Renault and Formula One, responded splendidly when an unlikely chance of the championship presented itself, and was denied only by that controversial collision in Adelaide.

Last season remains an unsatisfactory chapter in the annals of the sport. Doubts raised by Senna and others about the legality of Schumacher's car, the Benetton-Renault. darkened the course of the championship and disciplinary measures served merely further to undermine the credibility of

Schumacher at the contest. The most salient fact of 26 years old the year was that Schumach- looks closer to er won the title from 12 of the the finished 16 races. He was banned or article than from the other Senna at 26

four. This seased on a full cruota, retaining his crown with two rounds to spare. Victory in Australia on Sunday would take him past Mansell's record of nine in a

What makes Schumacher's domination of the field all the more admirable is that he does not have the best car. The consensus of opinion is that Hill's Williams is superior and we can only speculate whether any of the other drivers would have made better use of it.

Perhaps Jean Alesi or Gerhard Berger would have. Perhaps David Coulthard would have, had he discovered his form in the first half of the campaign. The young Scot's ascen-

fresh questions about Hill's

There is little dispute Schu-macher in a Williams would have been irresistible. He has frequently been outpaced in the smash and grab of qualifying by both Hill and Coulthard, yet has outfought and outmanoeuvredthem in the races.

Certainly Schumacher has had the concentrated backing of an enormously gifted technical crew. Benetton have been the class act among the teams, their reliability matched only by their strategical acumen.

But probably Benetion's smartest move was in recognising they had a rare talent and building their entire opera-

They

their resources where they expected to produce results. team, raising their expectations and their

Hill envied him his absolute se- lations. In a sense. Schumacher niority inside the camp, maintaining it was critical to their relative fortunes. There again, you cannot help feel Schumacher would have handled a

straight fight within Williams. Schumacher has the fundamentals required to win races at this level: pace, car control commitment and ambition. The qualities that elevate him to a strata above his contemporaries are the stamina to sustain speed for up to 200 miles of varying track lay-out and changing weather conditions, the mental agility to plan one step ahead of the rest, and the uncompromising instinct to get tough

when necessary.

new standards of physical firmess him cope with the mind games. his analytical and decision-mak-

190mph. Shades of Senna A natural self-belief has enabled him to exploit his gifts and his spectacular advance in the sport has developed still greater. confidence to the point, some suggest, of arrogance. More

Arrogance may explain excesses on the psychological battleground. Not content with soundly thrashing Hill on the on opportunities to belittle him off it. Did Senna not treat Prost

Selfish, ruthless and imperious, Schumacher is the embodiment of the modern Formula One champion. He is sure of himself and his worth, and that valuation evidently

concurs with Ferrari's. Events next year could measure the accuracy of their calcuis giving the rest a chance by going to Ferrari and he contends his target is the championship of 1997. Alesi and Berger will endeavour to emulate his feats at Benetton, while the team will be anxious to prove they have not

been a one-man band. Hill is anticipating another shot - possibly his last - although he must grapple with a new team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, who has already announced he does not intend to be No 2 to the Englishman.

Schumacher takes his No 1 to Maranello and if he still has that number on the scarlet car in '97, then his place among the grandmasters will be assured.

Schuster is sent

packing by his club

Ferguson's appeal rejected by SFA

Football

Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, yesterday spoke out against the Scottish Football Asociation's decision to reject Duncan Ferguson's appeal against a 12-match ban. "It seems vindictive to me."

he said. "The tribunal had a good opportunity to redress the situation. If you carry out a mugging in the street and are sentenced you serve it and that's the end of the matter. "I fully expected the ban

would not be activated or would take into account the eight games Duncan has already missed while in prison. You have to say he has suffered enough. Having visited Barlinnie, six weeks in there is quite a sentence."

The SFA's appeals tribunal yesterday rejected the striker's plea for leniency over the ban, which followed an on-field assault on Raith's John McStay in April 1994 that also resulted in his being jailed for three months. The tribunal decided the sus-

pension, one match of which Ferguson has already served. should run from vesterday. Everton were hoping that Ferguson, to be released from Glasgow's Barlinnie Prison on 22 November, would be avail-

able to play on 25 November. The decision to begin the ban yesterday was met with disappointment by Tony Higgins,

secretary of the Scottish Professional Footballers' Associaion. "We felt at the very least if the tribunal was to uphold the 12-match ban they would backdate it to his entry into Barlinnie Prison," Higgins said.
"Given what the player has been through, and that he has

been through the court's system, it was felt the time was right for the tribunal to show some compassion. Effectively the player has been punished twice for and I want to enjoy the experience," Juninho said yesterday before Brazil's friendly against

the same crime and, given the severity of his prison sentence, consideration to that should have been the main priority." Middlesbrough's hopes of persuading Juninho not to miss eight games next spring look for-lorn. The midfielder is set on playing for Brazil in next summer's Olympic Games, which means he will be absent next February and March while he plays in the qualifying compe-tition in Argentina. "Playing in the Olympics is a dream for me

Argentina in Buenos Aires. Jimmy Case, the Brighton player-coach, has been detained in hospital for X-rays after sustaining a neck injury falling awk-wardly in a reserve match yesterday. The 41-year-old former Liverpool player, the oldest outfield player in the league, had ignored specialists' advice to

end his career this season.

Norwich's progress is ensured by Ward striker, hopes his Coca-Cola

Cup hat-trick against Bradford will be the boost he needs to send the Carrow Road club back

into the big time.

The 24-year-old's appearances have been hampered by a niggling hamstring injury picked up in pre-season training, but he showed no ill-effects as he led Norwich to their 5-3 third-round replay win on Tuesday.

Scoring goals always gives me confidence to pick up the rest of my game, and hopefully the sharpness will come back too. It's not a particular pressure on me, even though I was top scorer last season, but because we were relegated everybody looked at us and thought

we'd be up at the top." Ward

"As a club, we've set standards over the past few seasons and so there is that pressure on us to perform. It's down to the whole squad to get us into a position where we can get up, and that's what we've got to do." Jimmy Quinn, the Reading

player-manager, clinched his side's place in the fourth round with a last-gasp winner in their replayed match against Bury. However, tempers flared in the players' tunnel after the 2-1 result - which followed the abandonment of the original match two weeks ago when

Bury were 2-0 ahead. I think there was a bit of a

players were calling us cheats, which I think is a bit naïve. I won't let my players get involved

in things like that." The visitors looked on course to earn a replay until Quinn flashed in an 89th-minute header with his second touch of the game. He added: "They had obviously reached the stage where they were hoping to keep it tight and secure the replay and I would have been happy with a draw at that stage, but I decided to go on and have a go any-

ager, denied there had been a scuffle between the players, but said: "I think it all stems from the first match, when we didn't scuffle," Quinn said. "The Bury feel the game should have been

Reading, we just would have been glad to have another crack at it. The Reading players aren't

cheats and neither are mine. "I am very disappointed for the lads. I thought we gave a good account of ourselves and a draw would have been a fair result, but you don't always get what you deserve in football."

Reading had broken the adlock on 52 minutes when Mick Gooding floated a free-kick from the left and the ball was deflected past Tony Kelly off Chris Lucketti. Bury were level five minutes later when the ball was rolled from a free-kick to Tony Rigby on the edge of the area, and he flicked it into the air before lashing a volley into the net.

Havelange makes an apology to Nigeria

João Havelange, the president of football's world governing body, Fifa, yesterday apologised to Nigeria for preventing them hosting the World Youth Cup in

After meeting Nigeria's military ruler. General Sani Abacha, and offering the country the 1997 tournament in-stead, Havelange said the decision to switch the championship from Nigeria to Qatar was based on reports Fifa re-ceived at the time that there were outbreaks of cholera and meningitis at two of the venues due to to be used for the event. Havelange admitted: "It is not easy to say that no one makes mistakes. As a human be-

ing. I can commit mistakes and you should excuse me for that

He also confirmed that Nigeria may host the 1997 tourna-ment, which was due to be staged in Malaysia. Havelange said: "I intend to travel to Malaysia with Isa Hayatou [the African football president] with a view to getting the 1997 competition back to Nigeria and giving Malaysia the 1999 hosting rights."
This is the compromise I am offering to this country. I feel ho-

noured to be received and I am happy His Excellency has reiterated his desire to see the 1997 competition take place in Nigeria." Havelange is leading a Fita delegation on a four-day visit to Nigeria at the invitation of the military government to explain why Fifa cancelled the event. Jim Nwobodo, the Nigerian

sports minister, said last week that Nigeria was going to ask Fifa to give it a second chance to host the tournament to recoup the losses incurred this Lennart Johansson, the pres-

ident of Uefa, the European governing body, buoyed by his success in a power battle against Havelange, said yesterday that he was a candidate to replace the Brazilian in 1998.

But Johansson said after a meeting of the Uefa executive committee that had asked him to stand that he did not expect a power battle with his old rival, because Havelange had told Fifa he was retiring after his cur-rent term in office. "He has officially declared that he is stepping down," Johansson said. Johansson, a Swede who is

leading a European campaign to curb Havelange's power within world football, continued: "I haven't asked, but I have been asked by the members of the committee to stand for election."
Asked if he expected to win, he replied: "I'm not going to campaign. I'm not going to do anything. I've worked in football for 40 years now and people know me. If they like me, they'll vote for me. If they don't, I won't cry."

Overseas football

The Bundesliga club, Bayer Leverkusen, parted company with the former German in-ternational midfielder, Bernd Schuster, yesterday after a bitter dispute with the player. The German First Division side said they had told the 35year-old at a meeting that he no longer played for the club. Bay-er said both parties would investigate bringing a legal end to Schuster's contract which, is

due to run until June 1997. Last Friday the Bayer board and the coach, Erich Ribbeck, decided to drop Schuster, claiming that he was threatening legal action against the club. Schuster, one of the most talented players Germany has produced, denied the allegation but lost the captaincy the fol-

lowing day after a players' vote. While one veteran may have reached the end of his career, which took him from Cologne to Leverkusen via Barcelona and both Madrid clubs, another is looking forward to a come-

Germany's most capped player, Lothar Matthaus, a long-term absentee with a serious Achilles tendon injury, is to return to full training next week. The 34-year-old, who has not played since January, said yesterday he would be

joining team sessions at Bayern Munich from Monday.

"I've missed the games in training," he said. "The comeback is very, very important for my psyche... [but] I would be kidding myself if I thought I

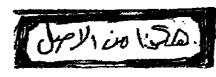
could return to action this year. Matthaus, who has won 122 caps and played at four World Cup finals, hurt the tendon during a friendly last January, After an initial operation he was due to return at the start of the season, but problems resurfaced during pre-season training and the 1994 World Cup captain was forced to undergo another operation to remove a

cyst on the tendon in July.

Matthaus, who has spent most of his days in the weight training room in recent mouths. is determined not to return too quickly this time. He does not expect to play for Bayern until the end of the Bundesliga's win-ter break in mid-February.

The Barcelona goalkeeper. Carlos Busquets, put his quick reactions to good use this week - but it may cost him his place in the Spanish club's team.

At his home in the Catalan city, Busquets caught a hot iron in mid-air as it was about to fall on his four-year-old son, Aitor, on his tour-year-old son, Alter, As a result, Busquets has both hands bandaged after suffering second degree burns, and is doubtful for this weekend's First Division match against



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Rugby League

The England prop. Dean Sampson, has been cleared after being placed on report for a clash during Castleford's defeat by the London Broncos on Sunday, Salford's Welsh forward, David Young. plans to move back home to play rug

Rugby Union TOUR MATCH: Edinburgh District 22 West-em Samoa 35.

Russell Courts, New Zealand's winning

russel courts, New Zealand s winning Amenca's Cup skipper, was yesterday named the Sperry World Sailor of the Year, in succession to his San Diego syn-dicate chief and fellow Kiwi. Sir Peter Btake, isabelle Autosner, of France, won the women's award for her record first leg in the single-handed BOC Round the World race.

Snooker

which he won 6-1,

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Table tennis

Tennis Britain's Tim Henman moved into the lenger in Pelang yesterday. The top seed

SOUTH AMERICAN OPEN (Buenos Aires) First round: A Correge (Spi bi 5 Dos-de)(Cz Rop) 6-4 6-0; A Borassagu (Spi bi) Atrese (Sp) 6-2 6-4.

UNION AT THE CROSSROADS: Commission unveils plans for new era RFU blueprint to move Five Nations' to May

The entire structure of European - never mind English rugby minn will be redesigned if the Rigby Football Union has its way. Yesterday the RFU's commission on professional iso produced a radical blueprint for the new era which, most

entirety to May from January.
- February and March. With the professional season be extended into August at one end and May at the other, the rest of it is divided into bite-sized chunks one of which accommodates an enlarged European

strikingly, would shift the Five Nations' Championship in its

clubs' tournament to be played on weekends during the autumn. The RFU envisages a fourstrong English representation out of 16 in Europe, with the remaining six clubs in the domestic First Division partici-pating in an Anglo-Welsh competition at the same time.

The First Division would take place before and after, with space also available for incoming international and provincial sides, the latter allowing for a continuation of the divisions but not in a Divisional Championship. The present Second, Third and Fourth Divisions would be adapted into two divisions of 14, the new Third having to be reduced from an initial 16 at the end of next season.

Twickenham's ambitious ideas are really no more than a series of debating points or bargaining positions where they impinge on relations with other unions. The Five Nations' committee, for instance, will be incredulous at the May proposal, if only because it imagined it had addressed the issue by moving the Championship back a fortnight from 1997.

posal to move the Five Nations'

Welsh Rugby Union secretary,

Edward Jones, said last night: "I

do not think it is feasible. There

are a number of major issues to

be addressed, not least the de-

mands on the players and po-

Browne, added weight to the ar-

gument against such a revolu-

tionary switch, saying: "Here in

ireland such a move would have

some disadvantages at that time

of the year. For instance, the Na-

tional Hurling League is at its

Ben Clarke, the England

tions tournament in consecutive

weeks is not a good idea. But I

welcome the idea that it could be

played at the end of the season.

It is rugby's premier event in the

northern hemisphere at the mo-

ment and I just feel it would be

height in May, with every Sun-

No 8, said: "I think a Five Na-

day of the month taken up.

Ireland's secretary. Philip

tential pressures for fans."

Moratorium on professionalism and 120-day registration period stay until the end of this season. Five Nations tournament to be

Players will not be entitled to perntage of transfer fees, but may negotiate a signing on fee.

Club contracts can be negotiated now pending end of moratorium.

Leagues restructured from next

Season: First Division, 10 teams; Second Division 14; Third Division, 16.
Top four clubs in First Division to take part in European fournament.

Remaining six First Division clubs to take part in an Anglo-Welsh tour-

be seven days for top three leagues.

Registration to be 30 days for all other Leagues from 1996-97.

question of the European Rug-by Cup, which has been launched in the past fortnight not only without English involvement but also with persistent English denigration. Relations within the five nations are such that the RFU has an overwhelming hearts-and-minds campaign to win before it can

hope to have its plans accepted. The underlying agenda appears to be dictated by television which is not necessarily a bad thing, since the funding of professionalism is bound to rely in large measure on how much governing bodies can extract for broadcasting rights. The English seasonal format could now be sold in one big, multi-million pound block or broken down into its constituent parts. Either way, the RFU has

The report may be bristling with ideas, but it has also got people's **David Llewellyn** reports on a mixed

and to watch when the weather

Rowell, the England manager, who explained: "I think overall

it is a step forward, in that the

game will be played at a more

user-friendly time of year, when

surfaces will be firmer. I've been

a fan of moving the Five Nations

out of midwinter for a long

time. We all thirst for dynamic

and flexible rugby these days as

layed on the superior surfaces

in the Southern Hemisphere. To

do that we have to move out of

January and February and look

to the spring."
But Rowell said his initial re-

action was slightly different.

"My first thoughts were: "The

players have already got enough on their shoulders. The thought

That view was echood by Jack

hackles up, notably the RFU proreception for the RFU's proposals

Championship to May. The a more attractive match to play

is tiner

English rugby braced for flood of moves

for us all and best for the game'

quicker - is mind-boggling at the the sacking and rapid reinstate-

* 'We need to find what is good

Main proposals of commission

■ Player qualification: free passage from rugby league.
■ Restrictions on other home union internationals in English clubs lifted.

Discipline: an independent panel

until proved guity; therefore no more automatic suspension when sent off. RFU to be restructured. Commit-

professionals and seven ar with present secretary, Tony Hallett, in the chair and holding casting vote.

Football-style pre-season Charity
Sheeld to be staged in August between English and Welsh champions
and cup witners. May begin in 1996. scrapped; County Championship stays.

been quietly talking to broadcasters and, just for starters, has come up with a figure of at least double the £20m or so three-year deal already struck with ITV for the nascent European Cup. The union is earnestly hoping that this sort of money will talk.

Other aspects of the commission's proposals are as disclosed in last Saturday's Independent. The moratorium on professionalism will be lifted once this season is over and the 120-day transfer qualification period reduced to a nominal seven days. In the meantime clubs are at liberty to negotiate contracts pending the end of the moratorium.

This season's only active contract will be the England one, with Cellnet due to announce today the sponsorship that will pay the squad for their season's work

moment, but I think once the

players get used to it they will

settle down and we will see a

better game. And after all, this

is only a position paper, it has

Browne endorsed the Welsh

view about fans, pointing out

that the cost of travelling twice

in the same month to Five Na-

tions games may deter some

supporters. Jones made it clear

that England were not going to

get things all their own way. "I have not seen a full copy of the

RFU proposals, but they will ob-

viously have to be analysed in de-

tail by our general committee. We need to find what is good for

us all and best for the game, not

just for one party," he insisted.

tion from within the RFU ex-

ecutive. Denis Easby, the

of some of them playing 10 immediate past president, whose that the First Division clubs' remonths on the trot - if not year in office was tarnished by port and this commission report

There could even be opposi-

yet to be negotiated.

match at Twickenham on Saturday week. Ultimately, after a period of dovetailing national and club contracts, the union envisages a time when players will be subject only to club contracts with the necessary international commilment written in.

This is of no assistance to Rob Andrew in his quest to put a new Newcustle team on the pitch but the restructuring of the top di-visions will entail the absence of relegation this season and so secure Newcastle's place in the Second Division. The National Clubs' Association is likely to ratify this when it meets today. Professional rugby has forced

the RFU reluctantly to adopt a free passage from rughy league into English rugby union and a rapid demise of the iniquitous restrictions on the number of British and Irish players free to play at English clubs. An inde-pendent disciplinary panel will be established to judge offenders in the National League.

Transferring players will be permitted to negotiate signingon fees but not percentages of transfer fees, and there will be a tribunal to rule on disputed transfers. Non-contracted players from lower-league clubs who sign contracts with National League clubs will carn their original clubs the princely con-sideration of £100.

The commission also contemplated the administration of the RFU, recommending a restructuring of the executive so that it changed its name to board of management and its composition so that it more adequately reflected the professional end of the game. However, the final word will be had by the non-professionals at a special general meeting of the 2,200

ment of Will Carling as England captain, said: "Two things con-

cern me. One, the players are go-

ing to have a hell of a long season

if the Five Nations' Champion-

ship is moved into May. Sec-

ondly, I am not sure about

reducing the size of the execu-

tive committee, which, since

Tony Hallen will he the chair-

man, would give an 8-7 majori-

ty to the professionals on it. The

professionals' views are valuable

but I do not think they should

Overall it seems that on the

domestic front the RFU can ex-

pect little opposition from the First Division clubs, who passed

a vote of no confidence in the

commission not long ago after

being refused a representative

on it in addition to Bath's chair-

their own blueprint for the fu-

ture. There are differences, but Mawditt said: "Tve every hope

that the First Division clubs' re-

Those clubs this week issued

man, Richard Mawditt.

will dovetail very nicely."

have a majority."



Angus Fraser (left) keeps a close eye on Devon Malcolm's front foot

Kiwis check India's early progress

Cricket

India 120-3 v New Zealand

loss to 77 for 3 on the rain-interrupted first day of the third Test in Cuttack yesterday before an unbroken fourth-wicket stand of 43 between captain Mohammad Azharrudin and Navjot Sidhu stopped the rot.

India, one up in the three-Test series, were given a useful start by Manoj Prabhakar and Ajay Jadeia before Chris Cairns and Dion Nash took a wicket each. Cairns then struck the biggest blow when he bowled Sachin

Tendulkar for two as the batsman tried to play to the on-side and had his leg stump up-rooted.

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India slumped from 69 without John Emburey, the England Hussain. "At the end of the day manager, was a happy man after his team maintained their 100 per cent start to their Pakistan tour with a comfortable six-wicket win over a Combined XI in Karachi yesterday. Nick Knight, the opening hatsman who played in two

Tests against the West Indies this summer, steered England to their victory target of 116 with an undefeated 71. He received solid support

from Yorkshire's teenage batsman, Anthony McGrath, who shared in an unbroken fifthwicket stand of 60. They repaired the damage after a batting collapse had seen England tumble to 18 for 3.

"I'm very pleased with the result. Every match is an experiment." Emburey said. "This is what a tour of India or Pakistan is all about, pressure, spinning "I'm impressed with the char-

wickets, very slow wickets. acter of Anthony McGrath.

He's only 19 and was playing with a turning upset. He batted lower at No 6 but batted with Karachi Combined XI 204 and responsibility, technique and England A 312 and 116-4 composure. I thought he han-England A win by six wickets dled the pressure very well."

Emburey also had words of praise for his captain, Nasser the bottom line is that Nasser

Knight steadies A team

led the side very well." he said. "The key for us were those two partnerships in the second innings between Nasser and Shaun Udal and Ed Giddens

and Udal. They were the turning point of the match. Earlier the Combined XI batted for 50 minutes with Taufiq Bader lending admirable support to Mohammad Ramzan, staying at the wicket for 83 minutes to score just five

runs. Ramzan carried his bat for an accomplished 121, displaying amazing concentration for 375 minutes while facing 259 balls. England A now move on to Lahore where they play a

couple of games before the start of the first Test in Multan on 17 November. In the interim period they will be hoping for some key bowlers to recover from their injuries. "Mike Smith has a strained

side. We will not be thinking of

for the four-day game between the first and the second Test." Emburev said. Craig White, who injured a

hand on the first day of the tour. will be playing tomorrow when England A play an additional practice match against another Combined XI. He is in need of an impres-

flying out a replacement just yet. He has had a cortisone injection

and we are hoping he'll be fit

sive display because Irani has staked a strong claim for the allrounder's place for the A Test after his 5 for 19 on the third day. (final day of law: Combined N won loss) COMBINED XI - First linnings 204 (Azam khan

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Umpires: Sairm Badar and Islam Mhan.

Samoans start with a win

Western Samoa

After an early shock when they found themselves 10-0 down, Western Samoa recovered to open their 12-match tour of Scotland and England with a comfortable win over Edinburgh at Inverleith yesterday.

Veli Patu, the full-back, grabbed three of Western Samoa's five tries, but the tourists were never able to rout Edinburgh whose captain, Ally Donaldson, kicked 17 points.

"There were a lot of flaws in our game," complained the Samoan team manager, Bryan Williams, "It was a typical first game of a tour. Edinburgh took the lead af-

ter only five minutes, when Darren Burns burst on to a loose ball before outstripping the defence for a popular score.

However, the Samoans were soon able to use their pace and power to break the Edinburgh defence, with the hooker, Tala Leiasamaivao, and the winger, Brian Lima, adding to Patu's tries to secure the victory.

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Skelton heads British entry

Equestrianism

Nick Skelton returns this weekend to the indoor show which proved a lucky omen for him on the way to his Voivo World Cup triumph last season.

Skelton is among a strong British contingent competing at the Millstreet Indoor Internafonal in County Cork - the fifth 14 European League qualiflers for next April's World Cup final in Geneva.

The 37-year-old Warwickshire rider, who spends most of the year at overseas shows, won last year's Millstreet qualifier on Everest Dollar Girl. It was his only victory in the

European series and he only just secured a place among the eventual finalists. But having got to Gothenburg he went on to win the three-leg final for the biggest success of his career. Skelton, whose internation-

al successes this year have included victory in the San Marino Grand Prix with Showtime in September, lines up with his regular British team-mates, John and Michael Whitaker, in the four-day show starting to-John Whitaker, Britain's only

other World Cup winner, has

family backing from his children

Louise and Robert, who are due

to compete in the pony classes.

Wright out of international following ban

The British Lions prop Peter Wright will miss Scotland's home international against Western Samoa on 18 November after being suspender for six weeks at a Scottish Rugby Union disciplinary hearing. The ban follows his sending-off for verbally abusing the referee Ken McCartney during a league match at Gala last

month. Cardiff have asked their Welsh rivals, Llanelli, to pay compensation to Mike Hall, after a clash with the Llanelli lock Tony Copsey in September that left their player with a fractured cheekbone.

Hall refused to take Copsey to court, but is concerned over his loss of earnings and Cardiff are now acting on his behalf for what is the first request of this type in Welsh rugby.

> TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of women authors on the six-strong shortlist for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year. Either The Prizefighters by Arlene Schulman or Out of Bounds by Lauren St John could win £5,000.

SPORTING DIGEST

Basketball England gave a lift to their preparations for Sunday's European Chempionship game against Germany in Sheffield when they defeated the Netherlands 87-72 in Amsterdam on Tuesday. Nine points from Karl Brown in a 13-0 run gave England land a match-winning 63-38 lead in the

land a match-withing second half.

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October in Reading, Pennsylvania, and the £333,000 Sacramento Classic from 4-7 April in California. The zour will open with the Tournament of Champi-Hockey Jane Stismith gave Great Britain the lead in the 42nd minute against the United States in Cape Town yesterday, as the squad prepare for next week's Olympic Qualifying Tournament. The game was

halted for poor light 15 minutes from time with no further scoring. Pools

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Jimmy White scored two maximum breaks of 147 in a seven-frame challenge match against John Virgo at Leices-ter's De Montfort Hail on Tuesday, taking his career total of maximums to 93. He also made a break of 96 in the match,

quarter-finals of the men's ATP Chaldefied wintry conditions to beat Benny Wignya, of Indonessa, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.

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INDEPENDENT THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 1996 MOTOR RACING

Why Michael Schumacher is already one of the all-time greats

Last chance for Smith to impress

way here today. And, for one member of the touring party at least, scoring runs against South Africa A would represent the biggest relief in this part of the

world since Mafeking.
Robin Smith has long nursed a burning ambition to play Test cricket in the country of his birth, but unless he makes a decent score here, his tour could well disappear into the equivtable landmark, a derelict diamond mine known as The

In Afrikaans, this translates into "die Groote Gatt", although after a sightseeing trip there on Wednesday, England's players remain as unconvinced that it is anything like large Smith ahead of John Crawley unless the Durban-born batsman gets himself back into form over the next four days.

South Africa's A side represents comfortably the strongest opposition England have faced thus far, and when Smith propped up the Diamond Fields Advertiser over his morning cornflakes yesterday, he was not amused to find himself reading alent of Kimberley's most no- that an 18-year-old wrist spinner is about to have him for breakfast.

Smith's preference for quick-er bowling, notwithstanding the fractured cheekbone he sustained against Ian Bishop last summer, is well known, and he now finds his Test place under threat from an 18-year-old left-

England's final warm-up game, before next week's opening Test in Pretoria, gets under lectors will be about picking Test in Pretoria, gets under lectors will be about picking lectors wil England camp on the eve of their final pre-Test warm-up

> arm chinaman bowler from Western Province with a whirring action that has been likened to a cross between a discus throw-

er and a frog in a food mixer. Paul Adams described himself as "stunned" by his selection for this game, but his confidence will certainly not have been harmed by taking an aggregate 8 for 190 in 60 overs in WP's Castle Cup victory over Northern Transvaal earli-er this week, and he will not be left waiting for a bowl any longer than it takes for Smith

to emerge from the pavilion. Smith, however, like the rest of England's batsmen, will be encouraged by the prospect of the first pitch of any pace they

have so far encountered on tour. The theory that the South Africans have deliberately been preparing pitches with the consistency of a fresh cow-pat is not subscribed to by Raymond Illingworth, who reserves all his

suspicions of a conspiracy for

South African hotels. As a long-time winter resident in Torremolinos, the England chairman has not heard so much banging and drilling since the ear-ly days of Spanish package holidays, although it would be a rare noise indeed to drown out Raymond when proferring his opinion on various matters, whether confronting a hotel manager or a reporter's notebook.

When it comes to Illing-

worth making remarks of a less than complimentary nature. there has not been much to choose between South African hotels and Devon Malcolm, and Smith is not the only England player regarded as a cer-tainty before the tour began to find himself playing for his place in this match.

In the recent list of England chairmen, Peter May tried hard to say nothing at all, Ted Dexter was prone to lapse into rid-dles, while Illingworth's preference for saying precisely what he thinks without pausing to consider the consequences means that the area between cranium and larynx can fairly be described as the Pudsey By-Pass.

If the bag carried by the team doctors contains a phial of smelling salts, it is a fair bet that Malcolm was reaching for them on Tuesday when Illingworth paid him a rare compliment, but with the chairman now having given up on the amusing notion that he could turn Malcolm into a model of line and length, Malcolm will have to do something more than an adequate performance in this game to secure his

place in Pretoria next Thursday. So far he has bowled only 24 overs in South Africa, and his only wicket came in the equivalent of Arundel's cucumber sandwiches' match against Nicky Oppenheimer's XL Derogatory comments from the management have probably had the opposite effect on Malcolm's morale to the one intended, and Malcolm's best bet over the next four days

ing to a helmetless Illingworth.

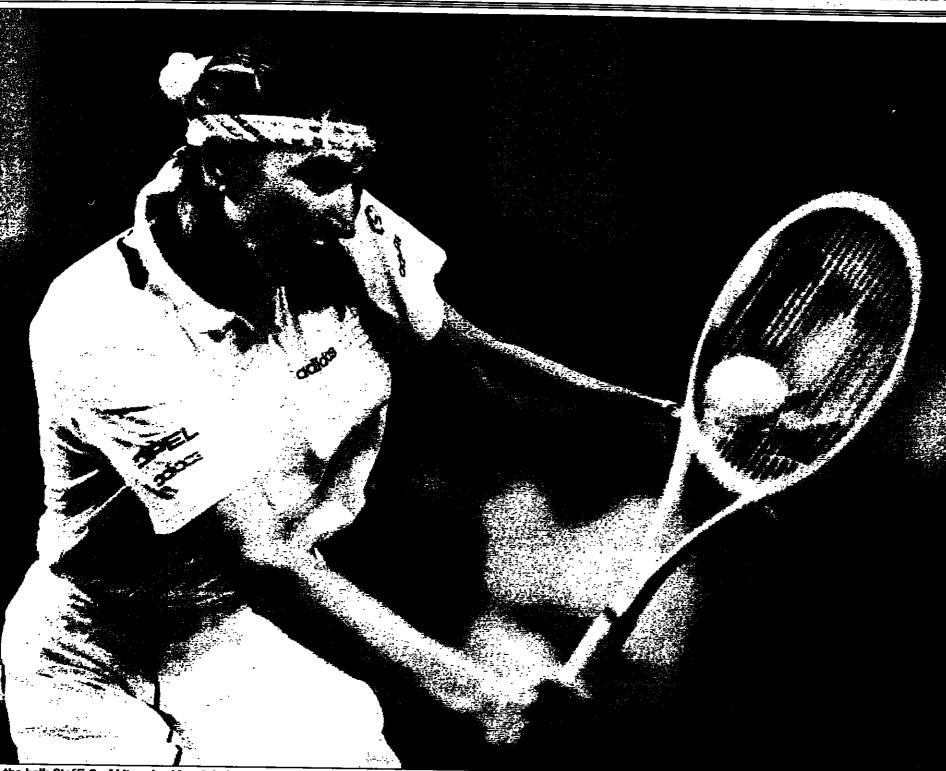
Otherwise, morale is generally sound, and the second honeymoon between Illingworth and Michael Atherton now extends to partnering each other over the bridge table. This, of course, will last just as long as Atherton does not go four down in three no trumps with Raymond's rands on the table, and there is also the usual caution-ary note that England's morale



Smith: time running out

Malcolm's Test selection has on this of all tours, a good de on overseas tours rarely survives the opening Test match.

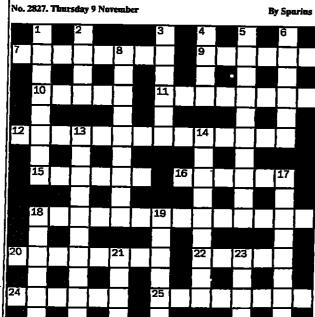
England are not quite fielding their putative Test side here given that Dominic Cork is a role model for thousands.



On the ball: Steffi Graf hits a backhand during her hard-earned victory over Amy Frazier in the Advanta Championships in Philadelphia yesterday

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Graf made to struggle

Tennis

Steffi Graf, the top seed, fought back from a set and a break down to beat the unseeded Amy Frazier 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the second round of the Advanta Championships in Philadelphia vesterday.

Graf, playing in only her sec-ond match since winning her fourth US Open title in September, won the first two games against Frazier but lost the next six games and had her serve broken in the third, fifth and seventh games.

The 26-year-old German, jointly ranked No 1 in the world with Monica Seles, surrendered another break to fall behind 2-1 in the second set but broke Frazier in the next game and levelled the set with a break in the 10th game, when Frazier made four consecutive unforced er-

Graf used service breaks in second set on her third set the second and sixth games to breeze through the third set. Since the US Open, Graf's only match had been a firstround defeat to Mariaan de Swardt at the Brighton tournament last month.

Off the court, she has been at the centre of media scrutiny as her father, Peter, remains in a German jail after his arrest in

August on tax charges.
"There's no question there are a lot of things in my life that make it difficult to concentrate," Graf said. "There hasn't been a consistent flow over the last two years."

Lisa Raymond, who grew up in Wayne. Pennsylvania, 15 miles from Philadelphia, struggled in the first set before overcoming Helena Sukova, the

world No 24. After a 24-minute first set, Raymond, ranked 20th, saved two break points and won the

point. Neither player broke serve in the final set, and in the tie-break Raymond rallied from a 4-2 deficit to win 1-6, 6-4, 7-6, hitting a series of overhead winners to set up match point.

Nathalie Tauziat defeated Julie Halard 6-4, 6-4 in the firstround match between two French women, while Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, of the Netherlands, overpowered Caroline Vis, a qualifier, 6-3, 6-4 Schultz-McCarthy served an ace in almost every game as well

as on match point. Mary Joe Fernandez, the sixth seed from the United States who won the Brighton event last month, withdrew from the tournament because of a shoulder injury she aggravated last weekend at the Bank of the West Classic in

Oakland. Results, Sporting Digest

Duff backs Wharton's cause

Boxing

Mickey Duff believes Henry Wharton is firmly on course to fulfil his potential by becoming a world champion.

The veteran fight promoter sees the Yorkshire fighter's first defence of the European supermiddleweight title against the UIsterman Sam Storey on Saturday as a stepping stone towards a third attempt at a world title.

With Wharton's two previous conquerors, Nigel Benn and Chris Enbank, both off the scene. the way is clear for the 27-year-old to establish himself as Britain's best hope of keeping a high profile in the 12st division.

Duff, who takes big-time boxing to Halifax for the first time this weekend with an 1,800 sell-out at the Northgate Leisure Centre, shares Wharton's desire to make it third time

lucky on the world stage. "I am almost as determined as Henry himself for him to become world champion," Duff said. "I have helieved in his ability from day one.
"He was extremely unlucky in

February last year against Benn when he got going too late and lost on points, and also very un-fortunate to lose the decision to Eubank last December.

"His left eye was almost closed on that occasion as early as the second round and he

could only fight square on, not sideways. It meant he was a sitting duck." Wharton can consider himself

unlucky to have been around in the same era as Eubank, who recently announced his retirement, and Benn, who insists he will fight only twice more.

But victory over Storey will lead to a fight with the former champion and mandatory European challenger, Frederic Seil-lier of France, then an attempt to win one of the four world belts at present held by Benn (World Boxing Council), Steve Collins (World Boxing Organisation), Roy Jones (International Boxing Federation) and Frankie Liles (World Boxing Association).

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Football

Martin Edwards, the Manchester United chairman, yesterday the summer, gives United cleared the way for Paul Ince to return to English football, as speculation concerning his future not be activating it. "I don't reached fever pitch. Arsenal, Tottenham and Newcastle were all reported to be interested in signing Internazionale's unsettied midfield player last night.

The matter is likely to reach a conclusion today, with Italy's transfer window coming to a close tonight at 7pm. Inter turned down a £6.5m bid from striker Tomas Brolin. The Arsenal last week but the suggestion in Italy this week has been that Massimo Moratti, the Inter chairman, is prepared to part with Ince to fund the acquisition of a new striker, which is seen as a priority for the ailing team.

Ince is thought to have had talks with Arsenal this week, with a report that he was in discussions with the club yesterday. A claim last night that Tottenham to come here," Fotherby a had topped the bid of their north London rivals was quickly denied in Italy. Another report suggested that Newcastle, for whom the fee would not be a

problem, had joined the chase. With Inter desperate to sign a striker - Sampdoria's Rober-Mancini, Roma's Branca and Caio Ribeiro of Brazil's San Paolo are the principal targets - the Ince deal may hinge on their success today. If Inter are unable to sign anyone by tonight there would

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